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Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Year 7 Vaccine Program

Greater Shepparton Secondary College, following advice from the Department of Education and Training, wishes to advise that the Year 7 immunisations will now take place on Thursday, 21 May and Friday, 22 May in the E-Wing at the GSSC McGuire Campus from 9am.

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Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the information and consent card booklets.

The requirements to reduce large gatherings and to adhere to social distancing regulations also means that parents and carers will need to book an appointment time online via the Compass portal.

How do I access this free service?

Complete the Year 7 Secondary School Vaccine Program Consent Card that was distributed to Year 7 students in Term 1. This consent card includes:

- Student name, gender, date of birth, year level, class, language(s) spoken at home and Medicare number.
- Parent/guardian names, phone numbers, email and postal addresses.
- Your written consent for your child to receive both the diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough booster and two doses of HPV vaccine.

What do I need to do?

- 1. Ensure you have read the information provided in your child's consent card booklet and completed all sections, regardless of whether or not you consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based program.
- 2. With all fields completed, return your consent card to school. If you are unsure as to whether your child has returned their immunisation consent card please contact: imogen.short@education.vic.gov.au
- 3. Book an appointment through our online Compass portal: www.compasstix.com/e/deiacl9xyb
- 4. Be on time. It is essential that you arrive at your scheduled appointment time.

Please be aware that students *must* be accompanied by a parent/guardian to receive their immunisation. If your child is unable to attend on these dates, please contact your local GP or council clinic to arrange an external appointment.

If you have any questions regarding the booking please contact our event coordinator Imogen Short: imogen.short@education.vic.gov.au. If you have any questions about immunisation, please contact the Council's Immunisation Team on 5832 9731.

Yours Sincerely,

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