



## YEAR 7 and 8 School Immunisation Programme

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 7 boys and girls** are being offered the Boostrix Vaccine, which protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough). This is a booster for the vaccinations they received in early childhood.

**Year 8 boys and girls** are being offered the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation to help protect them against infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cancers of the cervix, throat, mouth, genital and anal areas in both men and women. Some HPV types can also cause genital warts in both men and women.

Parents have a choice of having their children vaccinated against these diseases either at their General Practitioners or with their Public Health Nurse at school.

**Note: These vaccinations are free wherever you choose to go.**

Please take the time to go online and watch the following You Tube videos about the vaccinations with your children. The videos talk about why we recommend these immunisations and how immunity works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNIKS9uQCQU> Year 7 Boostrix Vaccine  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc> Year 8 HPV Vaccine  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HoS4zBaRN4> Te Reo Maori version

**Soon your school public health nurse will be giving year 7 and 8 students an immunisation consent form to bring home. These need to be returned to school as soon as possible.** This form will have lots of information about the immunisations and needs to be completed and returned to school whether you decide to have your child vaccinated at school or not. This way we know that the form has reached home and been seen by parents/caregivers.

You can contact me by phone should you have any other questions or concerns on 021 432 091 or free phone 0800 746 944 option 3

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) can also help with any of your questions, phone 0800 466 863, OR visit [www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz)

Yours sincerely,  
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