

Principal's Message

Dear students, parents, guardians and community members,

What an extraordinary week it has been! It was so good to feel our school once again pulsing with the energy of all students and staff back onsite together. I would like to thank the significant majority of students who did the right things this week. I also thank all the staff and students for keeping such a flexible and open mindset to the changes we have had to make.

Regarding school bags, I am mindful that some students may be struggling with the weight of extra books in their bags at the moment. If a student is struggling with this, I recommend that they ask their teacher to confirm what sections of the text book they will need for the next two weeks. Take photos or scans of those sections, and then upload them onto their laptop to use in the classroom, and leave the text book at home. Thanks to all students for not using their lockers at the moment; it is an essential risk mitigation strategy.

Can I again please enforce the message that no student is to come to school if they are ill. It is unacceptable to allow your child to come to school ill and jeopardise the health of other students and staff.

A big shout out to our Student Leadership Team who produced a really lovely thank you video message for all of our staff, and another one which welcomed back all the students too.

A reminder that we have now launched our new Compass Point of Sale for the canteen, and students and parents can pre-order and pay for canteen food for recess and lunch.

For any parents who are enrolling their child into Year 7 next year, as per the advice in the virtual information sessions on the website (that were uploaded in early term two), **all incoming students will require a Windows based laptop with a stylus pen.** This is to support our new approach to digital learning. We will soon be releasing further information regarding recommended devices, and purchasing/insurance options for all parents. It is recommended that you wait until this advice comes out before purchasing any new equipment for next year.

A letter from DET Secretary, Jenny Atta, is included in this newsletter for your reference.

Wishing all a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Keith Perry
Principal

Key Dates

2020

All School Calendar dates now appear on Compass - we strongly encourage all parents to check for upcoming events through Compass, click on the Calendar Tab, then Public Whole School Calendar, you are able to view details in a Week or Month format

Friday 26th June
Last Day of Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

Monday 13th July
First Day of Term 3

Monday 10th August
Year 10 Immunisations - further details
in newsletter Pages 4 - 7

Friday 18th September
Last Day of Term 3
2.30pm Dismissal

Monday 5th October
First Day of Term 4



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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene

and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Atta
Secretary
Department of Education and Training

Wellbeing News



Admin News

YEAR 10 MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNISATION

The Year 10 meningococcal immunisation that was originally booked for the 7th May 2020, has been rescheduled to Monday 10th August 2020.

Replacement cards if they have been lost can be collected from First Aid or Front Reception.

Alternatively you can complete the attached form, (see page 7) and return it via email to the college -

kambrya.co@education.vic.gov.au

Attention Nicole Topp

Please note that every Yr 10 student must have a card completed, selecting either Yes or No.

All enquiries can be directed to Nicole Topp, First Aid Officer on 9707 7613.

All outstanding forms must be returned to First Aid **by Friday 26th June**.

Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program

1. Read the Meningococcal W information.
 2. Complete the consent section and sign if a Yes.
 3. Remove the consent form and return it to school even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.
- Contact your local council for more information.

Meningococcal W information

Meningococcal W

Meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria. Although meningococcal disease is uncommon, it can become very serious, very quickly. About 10 per cent of people carry meningococcal bacteria in their throat without becoming unwell. These people are known as 'carriers'. Meningococcal bacteria are passed from person to person by regular, close, prolonged household and intimate contact. Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease and more likely to spread the disease to others.

Invasive meningococcal disease occurs when these bacteria enter the blood stream to cause septicaemia (infection in the blood, also known as 'bacteraemia') or meningitis, (inflammation of the membrane covering of the brain). Death can occur in up to 10 per cent of cases. Occasionally, severe infection can also occur in the joints, throat, lungs or intestines.

There are different strains (serogroups) of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

Meningococcal W-containing vaccine

The Meningococcal W-containing vaccine is a four-in-one combined vaccine for protection against meningococcal A, C, W, Y strains. Studies have shown that the effectiveness of the meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccine is between 80 to 85 per cent in adolescents. Meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccination programs have been implemented in adolescents in the UK since 2015, and recommended in the US since 2005.

The vaccine does not contain any live bacteria and cannot cause meningococcal disease. In addition to the W strain, the four-in-one vaccine will boost adolescents with the C strain they had as a baby and protect against the A and Y strains.

Possible side effects of meningococcal W vaccine

Most side effects are minor and quickly disappear. If the following reactions occur, it will be soon after vaccination.

Common side effects

- Mild temperature
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site
- Fainting may occur up to 30 minutes after any vaccination.

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If mild reactions do occur, the side effects can be reduced by:

- Drinking extra fluids and not over-dressing if the person has a fever
- Taking paracetamol and placing a cold, wet cloth on the sore injection site.

Extremely rare side effects

- Severe allergic reaction.

In the event of a severe allergic reaction, immediate medical attention will be provided.

If reactions are severe or persistent, or if you are worried, contact your doctor or hospital.

Pre-immunisation checklist

Before your child is immunised, tell your doctor or nurse if any of the following apply.

- Is unwell on the day of immunisation (temperature over 38.5°C)
- Has any severe allergies
- Has had a severe reaction to any vaccine
- Is pregnant.

After vaccination wait at the place of vaccination a minimum of 15 minutes.

Further information

If you require further advice or information, please contact your local council immunisation service or local doctor.

Or visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

How to complete the form

Please read the information.

Complete the form **even if the vaccine is not to be given.**

Detach the form and return it to school.

For all children/students

Please complete with the details of the child.

Then

Complete this section if you wish to have your child vaccinated.

Or

Complete this section if you do not wish to have your child vaccinated.

To receive this document in an accessible format email: immunisation@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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Meningococcal W vaccine consent form

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Student details

Medicare number: (Number beside child's name)

Surname: CITIZEN First name: ELIZA

Postal address: 20 BLOCK STREET MELBOURNE

Postcode: 3000 Date of birth: 18 / 10 / 2000 Female Male

School: BLOCK HIGH SCHOOL Class: 11A

Is this person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (please tick)

No Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Parent/guardian contact details

Name of parent/guardian or student aged 18 or over: MICHAEL BLOCK

Daytime phone: 9123 4567 Mobile: 0408 123 456

Email: parentguardian@internetprovider.com

Vaccine consent

Declaration: I am authorised to give consent or non-consent for my child to be vaccinated. I have read and I understand the information given to me about vaccination, including the risks of not being vaccinated and the side effects of the vaccine. I understand I can discuss the risks and benefits of vaccination with my local council or doctor. I understand that consent can be withdrawn at any time before vaccination takes place.

Complete for children aged under 18 (students aged 18 and over can give their own consent)

YES, I CONSENT to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at school.

The Meningococcal W-containing vaccine is a four-in-one combined vaccine for protection against meningococcal A, C, W, Y strains (one injection).

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: / /

OR

No, I do not consent to my child receiving the Meningococcal W vaccine at this time.

OR

No, my child has had the Meningococcal W vaccine elsewhere.

Please note any pre-existing medical condition, severe allergies or previous severe reaction to vaccination.

Privacy statement. The meningococcal W vaccine program is a Victorian government funded vaccine program. Vaccines are administered by an immunisation nurse, employed by local council immunisation services, who visit each Victorian secondary school a number of times a year. Under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, local councils are responsible for coordinating and providing immunisation services to children being educated within the municipal district. Local councils are committed to protecting the privacy, confidentiality and security of personal information, in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and the Health Records Act 2001.

Local councils report all adolescent vaccines given through school programs to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Personal identifying details will be kept confidential. This will provide tools such as recall and reminder systems to improve adolescent vaccination rates. This is important to improve immunisation rates overall. Individuals will have access to their record of all vaccines recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register. Aggregate immunisation data may be disclosed to the Victorian government for the purpose of monitoring, funding and improving the Meningococcal W Secondary School Vaccine Program. This information does not identify any individual.

Information related to you or your child will be used or disclosed for purposes directly related to your child's immunisation, and in ways that you would reasonably expect. This may include the transfer or exchange of relevant information to your GP, to your child's GP, to another treating health service or hospital or another local council. The local council may provide you with information related to the school vaccine program via SMS or email. You can access your child's data by contacting the local council where your child attends school.

Office use only:
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Medicare number (Number beside child's name)

Surname: _____ First name: _____

Postal address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date of birth: / / Female Male

School: _____ Class: _____

Is this person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? (please tick)

No Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Parent/guardian contact details

Name of parent/guardian or student aged 18 or over: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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