

## Vaccination information for parents of home schooled children

In the ACT, some vaccinations are offered to children in Year 7 through a school based vaccination program. Home schooled children are encouraged to access these vaccines from their General Practitioner (GP) while they are in Year 7. The vaccines are available to students until the end of Year 8. Vaccines are free under the National Immunisation Program, however your GP may charge a consultation fee.

The schedule for school vaccinations in 2017 is below.

| School year | Diseases Vaccinated Against   | Vaccine Brand Name                          |
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| Year 7      | Varicella-Zoster (chickenpox) <sup>1</sup><br>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) <sup>2</sup><br>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa) <sup>3</sup> | Varilrix or Varivax<br>Gardasil<br>Boostrix |

1. Varicella vaccine is a single dose for those children who have not received this vaccine previously. Children aged 14 years and over require two doses given one month apart.
2. The HPV vaccine is offered to both boys and girls in Year 7. The full course consists of 3 doses with at least a 2 month gap between dose 1 and 2 and at least a 4 month gap between dose 2 and 3.
3. dTpa is a single dose booster.

### For further information on immunisation:

- Ring the ACT Health Immunisation Information Line 6205 2300 or go to <http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation>
- Visit the Cancer Council website: [www.hpvvaccine.org.au](http://www.hpvvaccine.org.au)
- Visit the Immunise Australia website: <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/>