# Information for parents and caregivers

## What is the School Based Immunisation Programme?

The School Based Immunisation Programme is delivered by Health New Zealand's Public Health Nursing teams and offers free immunisations to students in years 7 and 8.

You and your family can choose whether to accept any offered immunisation or not.

## What immunisations are offered?

The immunisations currently offered in this programme are for:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) if your child has not already received 2 doses.

These immunisations are part of the National Immunisation Schedule. They help protect your child now and, in the future, supporting improved health outcomes for students, families and communities.

More information about these immunisations can be found here: Immunisations for school-aged tamariki

## What information is shared with Health NZ?

To support the School Based Immunisation Programme, schools may share information about Year 7 and 8 students with Health New Zealand. This includes information like your child's name and date of birth.

Health New Zealand uses this information to check students' immunisation records on the Aotearoa Immunisation Register. This helps us identify which immunisations a student may be due for and supports the safe and efficient delivery of immunisation services in schools. Privacy information on the Aotearoa Immunisation Register can be found here: Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) privacy information

If you have questions or concerns about your child's information being shared, please contact your school.

If your child's information is not shared with Health New Zealand, this limits our ability to check their immunisation record and identify any immunisations they may be due for. You will still be able to choose whether your child receives any immunisations offered through the programme when immunisation consent forms are sent out.