



5 September 2021

### **COVID Update**

- Vaccination blitz – Year 12 (VCE and VCAL) and Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 subject
- Priority Vaccination hotline
- How to book an appointment / What to bring

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, all Victorian school students aged 16 years and above are now [eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine](#).

To help support the safe conduct of end-of-year exams, the Victorian Government has announced a vaccination blitz for final year students (all VCE Units 3/4 students, final year VCAL and IB students).

From Tuesday 7 September and until Friday 17 September final year students will have access to priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

Getting vaccinated is the best way you can protect your child, your family and our school community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19.

Eligible students can book their first and second dose appointments via a dedicated booking hotline from 8am on Monday, 6 September.

The hotline will operate from 8am to 8pm. The hotline number is 1800 434 144.

It will provide a fast booking process and minimise absence for students during school hours.

- Year 12 students will be able to book from 8am Monday 6 September.
- Other VCE Unit 3/4 students can book from 8am Wednesday 8 September. The hotline number is 1800 434 144.

There is enough vaccine supply for all eligible students. There is no need to rush to call the booking hotline on Monday when it opens. Please be patient as there may be long wait times.

## **What to bring**

### Consent

Students can book their own appointment and consent to vaccination themselves if the health professional assesses them to be a mature minor. That is that the health professional assesses that they understand the information relevant to the decision to be vaccinated and the effect of that decision.

### How to book an appointment

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### More information

Translated advice about the vaccines is available on the [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

For more information about eligibility, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or use the Australian Government's [COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker](#).

For further assistance, contact:

- the Department of Health Coronavirus hotline: 1800 675 398
- the National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline: 1800 020 080

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care



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