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## WHAT'S COMING UP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 31 January 2011

- P&F Welcome Morning Tea, after 'drop off' in the Multi-Purpose Hall
- P&F AGM, 6.30pm, Lecture Theatre

### Tuesday 1 February 2011

- Years 11/12 OP/QCS Information Evening

### Wednesday 2 February 2011

- Prep Afternoon Tea

### Friday 4 February 2011

- Years 8-12 House Swimming Carnival, Southport Pool

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends

#### Welcome to 2011:

A very warm welcome to our new students and families and a welcome back to everyone returning from the Christmas vacation!

I have been away with some of our students in India for most of the time since 28 December and only caught up with the news about the floods a few days before I returned. As far as I know no one in our community was adversely affected, but no doubt many of you have been supporting friends, relatives and strangers who suffered as a result of the floods. Please do let me know if you have been a victim of the floods and would like the College community to assist you in any way.

#### Welcome to new members of staff:

Please take the time to greet the following people who have joined the College staff this year:

**Sam Cleary** – English SOSE  
**Juliette Giancola** – ESL Tutor Prep to Year 7  
**Paul Hemphill** – Junior Teacher Year 3  
**Stephen Henderson** – Maths/Science Years 7 to 12  
**David Hennessey** – Maths/Science Years 7 to 12  
**Nicola Houghton** – Junior Teacher Prep  
**Andrew Letts** – Spanish Teacher Years 4 to 12  
**Andrew Marshall** – Junior Teacher Year 1  
**Tanya Sabados** – Teacher Aide  
**Christian Urquhart** – Student Learning

#### A great set of Year 12 results:

Our Year 12 students always produce some excellent results, and the Class of 2010 was no exception. Six of our students were awarded an OP 1 and another two were awarded an OP 2, but have been awarded an equivalent of an OP of 1 by QTAC because of their performance in either Maths C or a LOTE. This effectively means that eight of our graduates have open access to any tertiary course from the long list available.

21.18% of the group were awarded an OP between 1 and 5 compared to 19.02% for the state. This means we outperformed the state by a significant amount. The performance in the OP 1-10 band was even more impressive, with 51.76% of our students in this group, compared to 46.02% for the state. This means that our median OP score was 10, compared to a median of 11 for the state. The difference does not sound like much, but we are talking about scores on a normal distribution curve, so the difference between a median of 10 and 11 represents 3,322 students. In effect, our average tertiary applicant will be 3,322 places ahead of his or her competitors in the queue for a tertiary place.

## DIRECT PHONE NOS.

Main Admin	5573 8600
Prep to Year 6 Admin	5573 8610
Years 7 to 12 Admin	5573 8633
Staff Administration	5573 8668
Absentee Line – P to 6	5573 8673
Absentee Line – 7 to 12	5573 8675
Performing Arts	5573 8672
Accounts	5573 8686
Health Centre	5573 8615
Uniform Shop	5573 8640
After School Care	5573 8647
Childcare Centre	5573 8650
Canteen	5573 8641

As I have stated consistently over the years, our results are even more impressive given the fact that the vast majority of our students are OP eligible, compared to only around 60% who are OP eligible throughout the state.

I congratulate all the students, teachers and parents for the part they played in producing such an impressive result.

Having highlighted the data, I need to remind us all that academic results do not provide an adequate measure of our success as a school. There is so much more to Saint Stephen's College and I am proud of the work we do in raising young men and women of character. Of course we want to help students to do their best academically, but the raw data shown above cannot tell us whether or not this goal has been achieved. To do this we would need to be present and watch the reaction as each student received their results. From what I have heard the whole Class of 2010 was delighted and every one of them should be congratulated.

#### **SSC around the world:**

I thank Jacinta Hyman for leading a group of students who travelled to Vietnam and Cambodia over the vacation. I also thank Judy and Bill Russell who are still overseas with a group of Year 11 and 12 students volunteering their time in schools in New Delhi.

#### **Our 2011 Seniors:**

The Class of 2011 will be centre stage at the upcoming Seniors Investiture on February 11. Our OP 1 recipients from 2010 will also receive their Medal of Honour from Mr Firkins at that time. All parents are welcome to attend this important event.

Jamie Dorrington  
**Headmaster**

## FROM THE CHAPEL

In the last Century, one small boy from Birmingham, England, heard his priest speak about Jesus as the "Light of the world."

Unlike so many others his age, this boy didn't just dismiss the concept; on the contrary, the lad took those words to heart. He heard them, thought about them, and he believed them.

After the service as the priest was greeting his congregation at the door, the boy said, "I am thankful that Jesus is the Light of the world, but I wish He would come and visit my street in the neighbourhood where I live. It is awfully dark out there."

It is not that many weeks ago that we celebrated Christmas. After centuries of waiting for the promised Messiah, in a small manger, in a small town, in a small country, that promise was fulfilled. Christ the Saviour was born. Jesus, God's Son, came to earth. He came to our neighbourhood.

Maybe you are feeling that because your neighbourhood is so dark, you haven't seen Him yet. But I can assure you, that Jesus is right there - right in your street.

Humanity no longer has to live in the dark. No longer do we have to live in fear of the unknown or what tomorrow will bring. No longer do we have to sit helpless.

Jesus has come to our neighbourhood, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, He has come to live in our hearts. Yes, there has been a lot of darkness in our world of recent times, especially with the recent floods. But the Bethlehem manger, Calvary's cross, and the empty tomb, all say there is a Light in the world, and where light is present, darkness cannot remain.

For those who are new to our College, welcome. I pray that you find it a place that is filled with the Light of Christ. I also welcome back all those who are returning to our College this year, praying that you are refreshed and ready for another year.

Every blessing

Father Andrew Kinmont  
**College Chaplain**

### **Sunday Chapel Service Times**

Sunday Worship is at the 'family friendly' time of **9.00am** every Sunday in the College Chapel. All welcome.

#### **Weddings, Baptisms, Illness or Bereavement**

The clergy are available not only for the times of celebration such as Weddings and Baptisms, but also in times of need. Father Andrew Kinmont is available at all times on

**0417 711 699.**

May God's Blessing and Peace be with you.

## FROM THE JUNIOR COLLEGE

The first day of the school year saw many happy smiling faces enter the College grounds as the new and returning students made their way to their classrooms.

It is wonderful to see how quickly the students have settled into their classroom routines and are already very excited about completing classroom tasks. I would like to thank all of the teachers who have made every effort to care for and help the students settle into the new school year. Due to this support and encouragement, the students have already taken up many challenges in their classrooms and the students in the Consolidations Programme have already been involved in the sporting life and spirit of the College at House Swimming Trials on Thursday. This is in preparation for the upcoming Years 4 to 7 House Swimming Carnival on Monday 7 February, which I would encourage you all to come along to and join in the cheering!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back continuing families at the College. It is always lovely to catch up for a chat in the playground and hear about all of the happenings over the holiday period. A very warm welcome also, to those of you who are new to the College this year. I do hope that your first week has been filled with many wonderful stories and little highlights from the daily activities your children have encountered.

### Junior College Staff Update . . .

I would like to welcome back Mrs Prue Davies, who was on maternity leave in 2010. It is just wonderful to have Prue back working with the students in the Junior College in the PE Department.

New to our staff this year is Mrs Nicola Houghton working as a classroom teacher in Prep; Mr Andrew Marshall; working as a classroom teacher in Year One; Mr Paul Hemphill working as a classroom teacher in Year 3; Mrs Tanya Sabados joining our Prep team as a teacher's aide and Jane McHugh working as a Year One teacher aide for the first five weeks of first term. We are thrilled to have them join our team and are looking forward to working with them throughout the year.

Finally, thank you for the support you have provided your children with in the first week of the school year. It has been a fantastic start to Term One 2011 and I am looking forward to another wonderful year at the College.

Kylie Waide  
Dean of Junior College

## STUDENT WELLBEING

Dear College Community

This year we have decided to create one home for all articles that provide information regarding student wellbeing.

This may mean that some weeks there may be more than one article in this section. We are hoping to provide a 'one-stop' shop where you can find highlights regarding planned activities or helpful information. We also plan to celebrate achievements from Preschool to Year 12 in this section.

This week, Mr Gray has compiled some suggestions regarding supporting our children and young people to process and manage their thoughts regarding the recent and ongoing floods.

We are looking forward to another year full of activities, challenges and opportunities to grow – in short a year of abundance.

Daleen Engelbrecht  
College Counsellor

## BOUNCING BACK AFTER THE FLOODS

Even though the Gold Coast has not been visibly affected by the recent floods in our region, there is no doubt that the events and images have had an impact on us. Many of our College community will have had family, friends, property or businesses directly affected by the floods and our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

As things begin to get back to some sense of normality, the emotional wellbeing of our children and young people is something that we must keep in mind. The building of resilience is a key factor to help individuals and communities deal with the negatives in life. The following information might be helpful to you in supporting your child at this time.

- **Communicate openly and be available.** Speak openly about your own feelings to help normalise how your child might be feeling. Take time to listen first so you can help to clarify any misconceptions and give the information they are asking for.
- **Stay socially connected with friends and family.** Sharing the problem can often bring increased solutions and strengthen support networks.
- **Validate your child's feelings.** If your child comes to you upset or angry say something like, 'I can hear that you are upset about this, would you like to talk more about it?' **not** 'Don't worry about it, it will work out.'
- **Maintain routine.**
- **Help them take action if they want to.** Maybe the younger children might like to donate some of their toys or the older children could help clean up or donate some pocket money.
- **Be a strong role model and help maintain a hopeful outlook.** Help your children to find the positives and celebrate these as they occur. Be careful to shield your child from any strong emotions that you might have about the situation.

These are just a few key points from the *Parenting Ideas* and *Good Grief* websites. I have saved a copy of these one page documents in the **School Links** section of **Parent Lounge** on the College website if you would like to read them in more detail.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2011 academic year. Social and emotional wellbeing is a key factor in the successful development of our young people and I look forward to working with you and your children to build strength in this area of their lives.

Chris Gray  
Head of Pastoral Care, Prep to Year 6

## INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

What an exciting week we have had in our International Centre! I am thrilled to welcome 23 new international students to Saint Stephen's College. I also welcome our new host families and hope that you are enjoying getting to know the latest addition to your family.

In 2011 we have students from China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Latvia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States, Thailand and the Phillipines. It is great to see the diversity of the students studying with us. We have so much to learn from sharing cultures and it gives me a real buzz when I see our students working together and achieving great things.

I need to take this opportunity to highlight the academic success of two of our graduates from 2010, Lincoln Chau and Roy Hiroasaki. Both of these students earned an OP 1 score. This is exceptional in any situation, however to obtain an OP 1 when English is your second language is an achievement of incredible proportions. In particular I recognise the support of our host families here, as without

this environment it is unlikely this success could occur. I was very pleased with all of the results from our graduates and continuing students. I hope that all students have set the goal to strive to achieve their absolute best this year.

I look forward to working with our College Community in 2011 and I thank you in advance for your support of our International Programmes.

Here's to a great year!

Sam Holmes  
International Education

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

What a buzz this morning – the College was alive with excited voices and laughter, all the lovely clean uniforms, new shoes and haircuts. Ahh as a parent I wish I could maintain this wonderful fresh look for my children every day of the year.

I welcome all parents to the P&F 'Welcome Morning Tea' to be held in the Multi Purpose Hall foyer on Monday 31 January, just after drop off. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and have a calm moment before the term gets away from us!

If you see me around school (I wear my name badge so easily noticed) please say 'Hi'.

Here are a few photos of our wonderful students on their first school day for 2011.

Paula Axford-Wood  
Director of Community Relations



## PERFORMING ARTS

### Welcome to 2011

Music Camp for Seniors kicked off our year on Thursday, the emphasis was on participation and fun, well done to all who came and put in so much effort.

Any students who wish to be involved in the Year 4 Strings, Year 5 and Year 6 Band, please bring your form to the Performing Arts office as soon as possible.

Any new students who wish to be involved in any music ensemble, please come to the Performing Arts office for information about your audition.

Below is timetable of rehearsals, which commence Week 2:

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7.15am to 8.15am	Senior Concert Band (Music Centre)	Junior Stage Band(GFA) Senior Stage Band (Music Centre)		Orchestra (GFA)	Cantica Ludi (GFA) Andante (Music Centre)
LUNCH TIME			Guitar		
3.30pm to 4.30pm	Funk Band (Music Centre)	Junior Concert Band (Music Centre)	Taekwondo (SB4) Dance (SS11) - til 6.30pm	Drumline (GFA) Dance (SS11)	Dance (SS11) - til 5.00pm

Congratulations go to **Jasmin Kovacs** who received a High Distinction for her Preliminary Cello AMEB exam. Well done, Jasmin.

We welcome our new Instrumental Tutors, **Mrs Jeanne Driver** who will be tutoring our Year 3 Strings and Largo ensembles and **Mr Ryan Livings** who will be tutoring Clarinet and Saxophone. Please make them feel welcome.

**Performing Arts Department**

## SPORTS DEPARTMENT

### Swimming

#### Year 4 to 7 Inter-House Swimming Carnival

**Date:** Monday 7 February, 2011

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Venue:** Southport Olympic Pool

#### Year 8 to 12 Inter-House Swimming Carnival

**Date:** Friday 4 February, 2011

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Venue:** Southport Olympic Pool

- Uniform:**
- House Sports Uniform
  - Speedo style swimmers
  - Swimming cap (House colour, available from the uniform shop)
  - Goggles
  - Towel
  - Sports bag (plastic bag for wet clothes)
  - Water bottle
  - Sunscreen

I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support the students on the day. The Inter-House Swimming Carnivals are one of the highlights of the year.

To ensure all the students and staff are ready to depart on the buses on time, students in Years 8 to 12 will gather in House groups at the normal starting time of **8:20am**. Years 4 to 7 students are asked to be at their classroom by **8:30am**.

### District Trials

The following trials will be taking place over the coming weeks. Please ask at the Sports Office reception in the Multi Purpose Hall, for further details.

**South Coast School Surfing** trial nomination forms are now available from the Sports office (U16 and U19 divisions only).

### Hinterland (Years 8 to 12) District Open Girls Tennis.

Rod Seib

**Director of Sport**

## AEROBICS

### Aerobics Registration Now On

After a fantastic 2010 Aerobics season the coaches here at Saint Stephen's College are looking forward to another year of fun and fitness! If you or your child is interested in joining one of our dynamic teams – or even creating a new team, trio or interested in competing solo – please visit the Learning Support Centre for a registration form.

**Age requirements:** Year Levels 4 to 12

**Time commitment:** 7:00am – 8:00am, twice a week  
Competitions are on weekends (maximum 4 per year)

**Annual Cost:** Approximately \$150 (costumes, entry fees etc.)

Registration forms need to be completed, signed and returned to Mrs Bunting (Aerobics Coordinator) by Friday 4 February 2011.

There is also a coaches/senior student workshop in March, held on the Gold Coast. If you are interested cost is \$44 – please see Mrs Bunting for an application form.

Mrs Cherie Bunting

**Aerobics coordinator**

## AVIATION THEORY

### An Introduction to Aviation Theory

During the final part of Term Four 2010, a group of ten pupils attended a series of after school classes in Aviation Theory for 8 weeks. The students ranged from Years 8 to 12 and were given a brief overview of many of the fundamental concepts required for a Recreational Pilots Certificate/Licence.

The training was based on the Recreational Aviation Australia (RAAus) flight theory syllabus and included topics such as **The structure of the aviation industry, Principles of Flight, Operation of Aircraft, Air Legislation, Navigation and Aeronautical Maps, Meteorology and Forecasting, Flight Simulation.**

The enthusiastic group were given a brief insight into the theory requirements of a Recreational Sports Aviation Licence. There was no cost involved and the only prerequisite was a passion for knowledge and a commitment to finish what one starts.

It was interesting to note that all the theory in the world did not avoid many and varied interesting accidents on take-off and landing from the simulated San Francisco airport!!

I have recently received information about a sponsorship programme to assist young people to start flying;

*In 2009, AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA generously awarded Recreational Aviation Australia's Giving Young Flyers Training Support (GYFTS) program a grant of \$25,000 to be distributed to 10 young flyers between the ages of 15 and 20. RA-Aus graciously acknowledges Airservices support to this very important program.*

*GYFTS is a support program for young people with a genuine interest in aviation - it is not a 'prize'. An important principle is that recipients make a commitment to contribute in-kind to various ongoing club and organisational and aviation activities. It aims to assist young people who have taken steps to begin their training, but due to financial hardship, find it difficult or impossible to continue.*

The time frame for applications is short [closing end of January] but should you require further information please email me at [rjackson@ssc.qld.edu.au](mailto:rjackson@ssc.qld.edu.au)

Ray Jackson

**Physics Teacher / Flight Experience Instructor**

## RESOURCE CENTRE

### STOP PRESS!

As many of you would be aware, the old library has been refurbished over the Christmas holidays. It is looking absolutely fantastic but we are waiting on carpentry and shelving to arrive to complete the renovation.

We hope that you will be able to bear with us while these final stages are completed. We do anticipate being able to open sometime in Week 3.

We apologise for any inconvenience, but we believe that it will be worth the wait!

**From the Library Team**

## P & F

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back to 2011, and on behalf of the Parents and Friends Association, may we all offer our support to any of you who may have been affected by the floods. I know that many parents and friends of the school have been involved in volunteer work over the last couple of weeks, and our thanks go to all of you who have been able to help in any way whatsoever.

The devastation in parts of Brisbane city and out west is quite unbelievable, and personally, as a new Australian, it made me proud to see people who had been left with literally nothing except the clothes they were in, turning away food hampers to say "I'm okay, give that to someone else who needs the help." The Ozzie spirit has come shining through and is quite remarkable!

Please don't forget that help will be needed for weeks to come, and if you can assist, all help is appreciated.

Our first get together is our **Welcome Morning Tea on Monday 31 January**, so please come and join us **after 'drop off'** in the **foyer of the Multi Purpose Hall** for a cup of tea and to meet some of the other parents at the school.

We have our Annual General Meeting on **Monday 31 January at 6.30pm** in the **Lecture Theatre**, where we will elect the 2011 committee. Being a part of the P&F is great fun, and we believe that we do a lot for the school by getting people together at fun events during the year. If you would like to serve on the main committee, or be a part of one of the many sub-committees, please come along, as there are always spots to be filled. If you would like to find out more about the committee, please do not hesitate to call me on **0421 840 465** and I will try to answer any questions that you may have.

I hope you have a great 2011, and look forward to seeing you during the year.

Guy Morris  
**P&F President**

## FARA & SSC OLYMPICS



**Game On!!!**

Welcome back to the 2011 School Year.

OK, last year we opened the MPH, we had a fantastic graduating class, we achieved a lot in the areas of Academia, Sport, Music, Pastoral Care, and The Arts, but collectively, they run second to the achievement that was the FARA SSC Olympics

### **And it's on again!!!**

**On Sunday May 15 2011**, you have the opportunity to go 'round once again. The 2011 Olympics will see a sharper, punchier event, with new sports, shorter game times (read "**less running**"), and activities to complement the core sports on the day.

**Parents** – you have the chance to set the record straight, and showcase the sporting prowess that we know we possess (it's there somewhere, I'm positive).

**Staff** – don't worry, the aches and pains from last year should go by May, and then you can show the students and other teams who really runs the College

**Students** – OK – you've got rid of the dead weight of the class of 2010, and you have new talent coming through – the trophy could be yours!!

**Old Scholars** – Come back and catch up with ol' favourites – teachers and students, and prove that you haven't lost it.

If you are keen to be part of a team of 2011 in the sport of your choice, or if you want to participate in any way (whether that be as a Sponsor, Convener, Captain, or Volunteer), go to

<http://www.saintstephenscollege.net.au/saint-stephen-s-college-olympics.html> to read more at the website, or send your expression of interest directly to Bryan Vadas at [vadasb@bigpond.com](mailto:vadasb@bigpond.com).

You are guaranteed to have a great day out, have a heap of laughs, and make some good friends along the way

Jump on board and play the game!!

See you at the Olympics in 2011

Bryan Vadas  
**Olympics Committee**

## CANTEEN



**CANTEEN OPENING HOURS**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8:00AM – 1:30PM  
**CANTEEN TELEPHONE HOURS**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 7:30AM – 1:30PM

## UNIFORM BOOKSHOP

### OPENING HOURS

**Monday – Thursday- 7.45am – 3.00pm**  
**Friday Only: 7.45am – 9.00am**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Saint Stephen's College  
P & F Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Monday, 31 January 2011  
6.30pm  
Lecture Theatre  
ALL WELCOME**

**Helensvale Netball Club Inc**  
SIGN ON DAY

**Saturday 29th January 2011,  
9-12 pm Club Room, Viney Park,  
Yulan Street, Coomera & also at  
8-10 am Runaway Bay Netball Courts, Sports Drive.**

**Saturday 5th February  
9-11am Runaway Bay Netball Courts, Sports  
Drive, Runaway Bay**

Season runs March through to  
September and training is held on a  
Friday afternoon and commences prior  
to the  
start of the season.

NOVA Competition  
for children born 2001-2004 (U7-U10)  
Junior Competition for girls born 1993-2000 (U11-U18)

Registration fee payable \$20  
+ \$20 fundraising levy.  
\$100 non-refundable deposit with  
registration form and balance to be  
paid prior to season commencement.

**NETBALL**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### **go card to replace Queensland Rail one-third school tickets in 2011**

<http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares/queensland-rail-one-third-student>

From Saturday 22 January 2011, Queensland Rail one-third school fares will be removed from sale (excluding six and twelve month passes).

Students are encouraged to transition to one of the following go card products to gain similar benefits of the one-third tickets:

- Child go card - for school students aged five to 14 years.
- Concession go card - for secondary students aged 15 years or older.

<http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card/types-of-go-card>

Benefits of child and concession go cards include:

- Greater convenience - no need to carry change, by using auto top-up you can be confident you have enough credit to travel.
- Greater flexibility - as they can be used on bus, train and ferry services.
- Safety - as registered go cards are protected against theft or loss.

<http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card/register-your-go-card>

Please be advised that child go cards expire on the child's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. At this time the child can move to a concession go card.

Students applying for a concession go card need to present their student identification card at time of purchase and at all times when they are using their concession go card. Concession go cards expire on the same day that the child's student identification card expires. To change the expiry date of a concession go card, students must visit a go card retailer and present their new student identification

<http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card/locations/>

Single paper tickets will remain for sale and the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) will remain unchanged for 2011.

For further information visit [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) or call 13 12 30 any time.

**Year 8 vaccinations: What parents need to know**  
 Queensland Health School Based Vaccination Program

Vaccinations are offered free to every Year 8 student in Queensland as part of the Queensland Health School Based Vaccination Program. The vaccines offered are recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council, and offer young people protection against the following diseases:

<b>Chickenpox (Varicella)</b>	Only required if not already vaccinated or have not had chickenpox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If under 14 years of age, one dose</li> <li>If 14 years or over, two doses (at least four weeks apart)</li> </ul>	Although chickenpox is often a mild illness for children, it is more severe for adults. Life-threatening complications such as pneumonia or inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) are possible. If a pregnant woman has chickenpox, there is also a small chance of damage to the unborn baby.
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	Two doses (four to six months apart)	Hepatitis B is one of the most serious types of hepatitis, and can cause acute or chronic liver disease. Hepatitis B is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the world. Some people can develop hepatitis B disease and not be aware. Babies born to infected mothers are at high risk of being infected at birth.
<b>Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</b>	For girls only Three doses (over a six month period)	HPV is the name for a group of viruses that cause skin warts, genital warts and some cancers. Infection of the cervix with particular types of HPV can cause cervical cell changes that may lead to cervical cancer.

**What you should do**

Before your child is offered vaccination, you will receive consent forms for each vaccine they are eligible for, containing comprehensive information about the disease, vaccination, any possible side effects and post-vaccination care. *Consent of a parent/legal guardian is needed before any student can be vaccinated.* If you have not received the form, ask the school for a copy, or you can download a copy from [www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation).

Make sure you and your child read and understand all the information on the consent form, then sign and return the form by the due date indicating whether you wish your child to be vaccinated at school or not.

After their vaccination, students will receive a record to take home. It is important you keep this record so you know what vaccines your child has received.

To find out vaccination dates for your school, ask school staff, visit the school website and/or look out for notification in the school newsletter.

**For more information**

To find out more about Queensland Health's School Based Vaccination Program:

- Visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation)
- Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- Talk to your GP

**Frequently asked questions**

**What is valid consent?**

For consent to be valid, the consent must:

- be given freely
- be for the specific procedure (vaccination) to be performed
- be given by a person with capacity to give consent.

The person giving consent must have sufficient information about vaccination, including the benefits and risks, to enable them to make an informed decision.

**What if I wish to withdraw consent for my child to be vaccinated at school?**

You may withdraw consent at any stage by contacting the service provider in writing.

**Who will vaccinate my child?**

A team of health professionals will visit your child's school to offer this free vaccination. The vaccination team may be from Queensland Health, your local council or another health provider contracted by Queensland Health. The vaccines may be given at the same time or separately, depending on when the service provider visits your child's school. You should be advised by your school of the dates the vaccination team will be visiting.

**Will my child's details be kept private?**

At all times, your child's personal details will be subject to strict confidentiality and privacy laws. Queensland Health is committed to safeguarding the privacy of client information in accordance with the National Privacy Principles set out in *Information Standard 42A: Information Privacy for the Queensland Department of Health*.

As part of the School Based Vaccination Program, the immunisation provider will record vaccination details and they will be entered onto Queensland Health's vaccination database. If you wish to access these records, please write to the school program service provider stating your child's name, date of birth, school where vaccination took place, date or estimated date of vaccination and class number.

**Will my child be supervised after receiving their vaccination?**

After your child has received their vaccination they will wait in an area close to the vaccination team and be supervised for at least 15 minutes.

**Are there more side effects from giving more than one vaccine at the same time?**

No. Parents can be reassured that having more than one vaccine at the same time is unlikely to increase the risk of side effects when they are given at the same visit, and that giving a number of vaccines at the same visit does not 'overload' the immune system.

**What if my child will be away on vaccination day or I want my child to be vaccinated by my doctor?**

If your child misses their Year 8 vaccination at school, they can attend a catch-up session if offered by the same service provider in the same calendar year (ask your immunisation provider for details).

You can take them to your doctor *before the end of the following year* for a free vaccination. (While the vaccine is provided for free, your doctor may charge a consultation fee.)

You are strongly encouraged to have your child vaccinated in the same calendar year the vaccine is offered in the school program.

**For more information**

To find out more about Queensland Health's School Based Vaccination Program:

- Visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation)
- Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- Talk to your GP



**Did you know that you can do your Centrelink business online in Upper Coomera and Oxenford?**

Centrelink has self service facilities set up at Upper Coomera and Oxenford (see addresses and hours of service below) where you can:

- » claim a payment
- » report employment income
- » receive online letters
- » update your details
- » view/print your details
- » apply for an Advance Payment
- » request a document (e.g. an income statement)
- » request a replacement card.

Please note, the following services are not available:

- Centrelink payment information
- physical lodgement of forms
- issuing of paper claims or forms.

**Not yet registered for self service?**

We will help you. Bring with you your customer reference number and some form of identification — for example, your:

- Australian driver's licence
- passport (Australian or overseas)
- security or shooter's licence.

**Registered but lost your password?**

Ask us for help.

Upper Coomera House  
 90 Reserve Rd  
 Upper Coomera  
 Hours of service: 9.00 to 11.00 am

Oxenford and Coomera Community Youth Centre  
 25 Tamborine-Oxenford Rd  
 Oxenford  
 Hours of service: 1.00 to 3.00 pm

