

Dear Parent,

We are reaching out prior to the end of first term to encourage and remind you all to book a COVID-19 vaccination for your child.

Over 50 per cent of all children aged 5 to 11 have now received a first dose, with many now due for a second dose (eight weeks after the first). In particular as we approach school holidays and the weather cools down, it is important to take steps to minimise the impact of COVID-19. Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect your child, and the community.

The Department of Health website provides a number of resources with further information about seeking COVID-19 vaccination. Further resources are also available at: <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/who-can-get-vaccinated/children">www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/who-can-get-vaccinated/children</a>

Vaccines are widely available across the country at general practices, state-run clinics and Aboriginal Health Services. You can find a participating clinic and make an appointment by visiting the Vaccine Clinic Finder at: <a href="https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking">https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking</a>

Thank you for your efforts to keep your child and the wider school community safe.

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