



September 4, 2021

Dear Students

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

To help support your safety, the safety of the community and 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 Thursday 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 yourself, your family and our school community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19.

You can book your 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 you during school hours.

- **Year 12 students (VCE and VCAL) 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.

Students sitting the GAT are encouraged to book in for your first dose before the GAT on 5 October. However, it is recommended you don't get your first vaccine on the day of an exam, or the day before an exam to avoid feeling common but mild side effects such as tiredness, headache, muscle pain, fever and chills and/or joint pain during your exam.

Please discuss your vaccination with your parent/guardian or carer and with your teachers to plan your absence and minimise disruption to your learning if your absence is during school hours.

Consent

You can book your own appointment and consent to vaccination yourself if a health professional assesses you to be a mature minor. That is that the health professional assesses that you understand the information relevant to the decision to be vaccinated and the effect of that decision.

What to bring

Please bring these things to your appointment:

- a face mask
- any emails about your vaccination appointment (digital or printed)
- photo identification,
- a Medicare card or [Individual Healthcare Identifier](#) number.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Pearce". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Pearce
Principal