



Sunday 5 September 2021

## **Victorian Government Vaccination Program for Senior Students**

Dear Parents and Carers,

All school staff and all students aged 16 and over are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Getting vaccinated is critical to protecting students, families and the school community from further outbreaks, containing the spread of COVID-19 and to support a return to onsite schooling.

To facilitate this and to support the upcoming end of year assessments, senior students studying Unit 3 & 4 subjects are able to access priority vaccinations over the next two weeks.

These priority vaccination appointments are in addition to any appointments or vaccinations already booked or completed by individual students. Students with pre-existing appointments are encouraged to maintain these.

Vaccinations are available through two major providers:

1. Bendigo Health (Woodend)
2. Loddon Mallee Health (Castlemaine)

### **Bendigo Health**

Bendigo Health will be coordinating a full day session for priority students (as detailed above) across the Macedon Ranges on **Sunday 12 September 2021 from 10.00am – 5.00pm**. The vaccinations will be conducted at Braemar College – Woodend Campus (Mount Macedon Road). Bendigo Health will be delivering the Pfizer vaccine.

Bendigo Health will also coordinate a second day for students and staff to receive their second jab with the date to be confirmed shortly.

All Sacred Heart College VCE students will be eligible for this vaccine centre, regardless of residential address. The important consideration is where students go to school rather than where they live.

We will distribute a booking link for vaccination when it is sent to us on Monday. Bookings will be opened simultaneously for each school. The booking site will close on Friday.

Bendigo Health are initially providing 250 appointments with more available if demand requires.

Students are required to bring their student identification card to the appointment.

### **Loddon Mallee Health**

As was detailed to students and parents on Friday, Loddon Mallee Health have provided Sacred Heart College with a direct link to book vaccinations who reside our catchment area (other than those resident in metropolitan Melbourne).

Registration details are available through the 'Year 12 Class of 2021' Google Classroom page and was distributed by Mr Matthews on Friday afternoon.

Once registered, students will be contacted directly with a few days and a booking link sent to them. The Vaccination Clinic's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

Students are required to bring their student identification card to the appointment.

### **Consent**

Vaccination is voluntary and students are not required to participate in the programs offered above.

Students can book their own appointment and consent to vaccinations themselves if a health professional assesses them to be a mature minor.

### **More Information**

Further health and safety advice will be distributed in coming days for students and staff ahead of their first vaccination.

Detailed information on all aspects of the vaccination program is available through [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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