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Starship Community Service
Level 6, Building 15
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Auckland

Year 8 Immunisation Programme 2026

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Students in Year 8 are offered free HPV vaccination to immunise against human papillomavirus. This vaccine is called GARDASIL and can be administered at a School-Based Immunisation Programme (SBIP) or your family doctor.

HPV vaccine – protects against several cancers and diseases caused by the human papillomavirus. Scan QR Code for more information or head to <https://info.health.nz/health-topics/immunisations/vaccines-aotearoa/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccine>

**The 2026 immunisation schedule for your school:**

Vaccine	Date
HPV Dose 1	2 June 2026
Catch-up visit	17 November 2026

Your child will bring home an **Immunisation Consent Form** for you to complete, and on **Monday 4 May** the Starship Community Nurse will talk to students about these vaccines.

Please indicate on the form whether:

- You consent for your child to receive the vaccine(s) at school
- You prefer vaccination with your family doctor or another health provider
- Your child has already received these vaccines
- You do not consent to vaccination

Please return the completed consent form to school **by or before Monday 11 May**. Every child needs to return the form, even if you choose not to vaccinate.

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FAQ

What if my child is away from school when the immunisations take place?

The team at Starship Community will usually contact you if your child misses their vaccines at school. Depending on where you live, the missed dose might be given through your school, and an alternative date and time will be arranged for when your child can catch up on their missed vaccines. Alternatively, your child can receive their vaccine through your doctor if this is not possible.

What if my child feels unwell after their immunisations?

The team will watch your child for 15 minutes after each immunisation. This is standard practice following any immunisation. The nurse will also give them a leaflet with information for children and their families following immunisation.

If you have any concerns, ring your family doctor. You can also call Healthline 0800 611 116 day or night.

For more information:

- Starship Community Service – School-Based Immunisation Programme: 09 639 0200
- Your Family Doctor or Practice Nurse
- Immunisation Advisory Centre: www.immune.org.nz
- Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora – Immunisations: <https://info.health.nz/health-topics/immunisations/when-to-immunise/school-aged-children>.

If you wish to change your consent at any time, please **contact Starship Community directly** by calling 09 6390200.

Ngā mihi nui,
Starship Community