



## From the Principal's Desk – Term 3 Week 4 2021

### Important information about vaccinations for our HSC students.

Today, NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education announced that from 9 - 14 August 2021, a priority vaccination program would be offered to HSC students who live or study in the 8 LGAs experiencing the highest impact of COVID-19. The vaccination program is voluntary, and students are not required to participate.

#### Who is eligible to be vaccinated?

- Students can receive a Pfizer vaccine (Comirnaty) under this program if they are over 16 years of age and above that are sitting the Higher School Certificate (HSC) this year.

#### How do I Register?

- The school has provided NSW Health with the mobile numbers of all eligible students.
- NSW Health will send a vaccination registration link to eligible students or their families via text message in the next few days.
- Alternative arrangements are being put in place by NSW Health for those without mobile phones or other special needs.

#### Where will the vaccinations take place, and will I get there?

- Miller Technology High School will be allocated a vaccination date and time window for students to attend as a group.
- A specialised bus service will arrive at Miller Technology High School on the vaccination date/s to transport students to the NSW Health Vaccination Centre Qudos Bank Arena, 19 Edwin Flack Ave, Sydney Olympic Park.
- Students must travel to the Qudos Bank Arena vaccination centre via this specialised bus service and **cannot** use other modes of transport.
- To promote social distancing, only 20 students will be allowed on each bus with a normal capacity of 50 people.
- Students will be required to use a QR code before boarding the bus and wear a mask.
- Each bus will have an officer from NSW Health for support and to maintain strict hygiene practices.

#### What will happen at NSW Health Vaccination Qudos Bank Arena Centre?

- Each student will need to bring the mobile phone that received the registration link.
- Students will be monitored by medical officers and returning to the Miller Technology High School on the same bus.
- Students will receive a text message notification of the date for their second dose, which will take place in approximately six weeks.

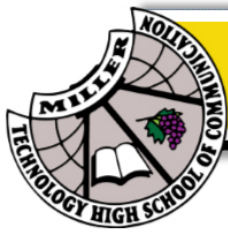
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### **What about our Support Unit Students?**

- Parents/carers of students will receive the text message link to register if they wish for their child to be vaccinated.
- Given the special needs of some students, we are currently seeking advice about how these students will access and be transported to the Qudos Bank Arena vaccination centre.

When available, NSW Health has advised that information about the HSC vaccination program will be sent to HSC students and their parents/carers.

If you have any queries or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the High School's main office (Office Hours 8.30 am-3.00 pm).

We will continue to be in regular contact to provide information and updates. Keep safe, take care.

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