



PARENT ORIENTATION EVENING

Year 7 Class of 2026



SENIOR EXECUTIVE



Principal
(Relieving)
Ms Kylie Lake



Deputy Principal
Mr Brad Dives



Deputy Principal
(Relieving)
Mrs Susan Judd

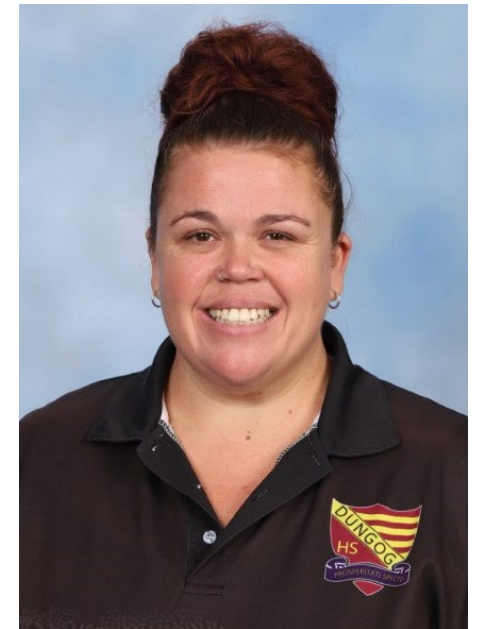


Deputy Principal
(Relieving)
Ms Kathleen Ballard

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



- Role of the Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO)
- Culture Room
- Cultural programs



Aboriginal Education Officer
Kara Clements

YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISOR



- Welcome
- Role of the Year Advisor
- Class structure
 - Core class group – OPALS
 - TAS classes
- Year 7 Subjects
- Year 7 Camp



Year 7 Year Advisor 2026

Jolene Ninness

YEAR 7 SUBJECTS



- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) – History and Geography
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Languages Other than English (LOTE)
- Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) – Music
- Technology and Applied Science (TAS)
- Library

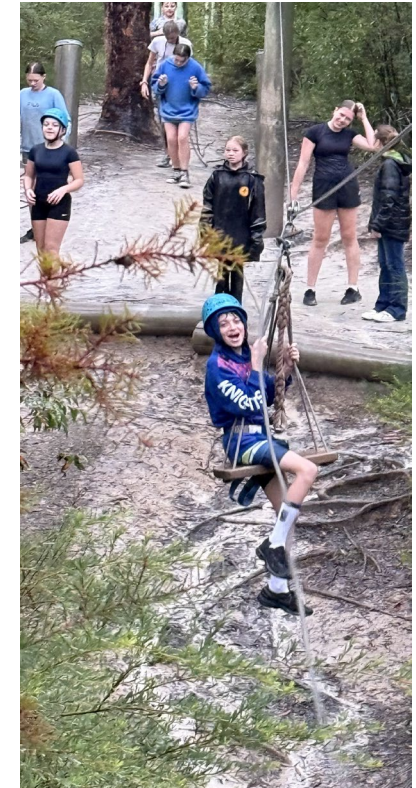
YEAR 7 CAMP

**Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th May, 2026
(Term 2, Week 3)**

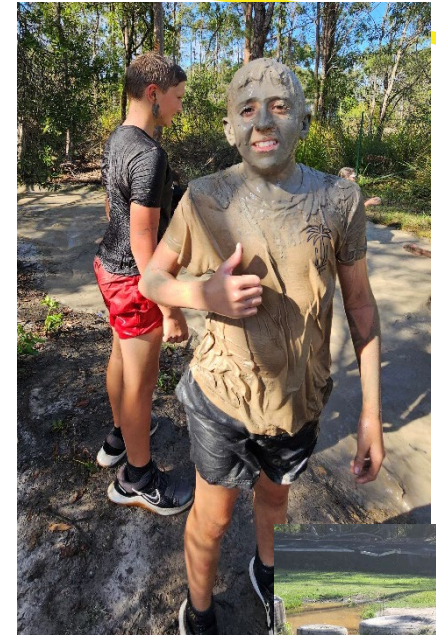
This is a unique opportunity for the Year 7 class to bond with their new classmates and form new friendships



LAKE MACQUARIE



MORE CAMP FUN



YEAR 7 2026 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



- What to expect in High School
- Core Values
- Mobile phone policy



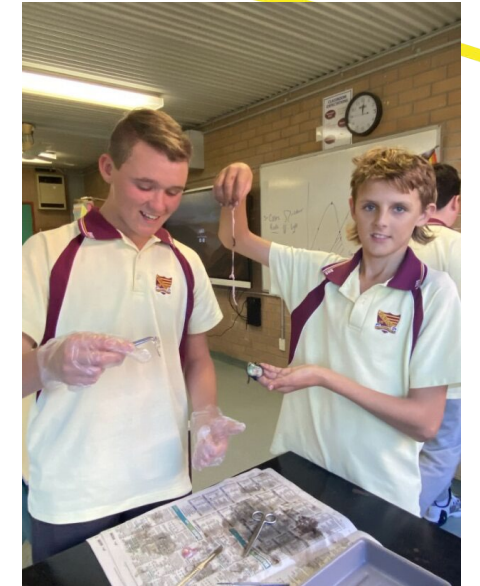
Year 7 2026 Deputy
Principal

Brad Dives

WHAT TO EXPECT IN HIGH SCHOOL



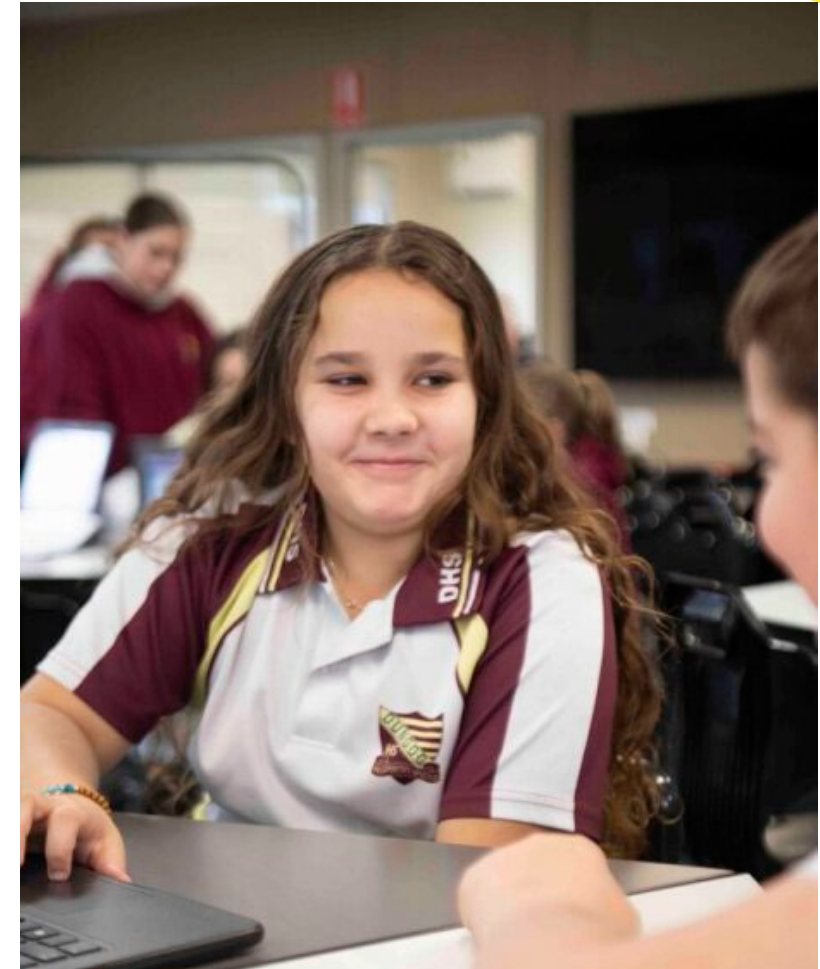
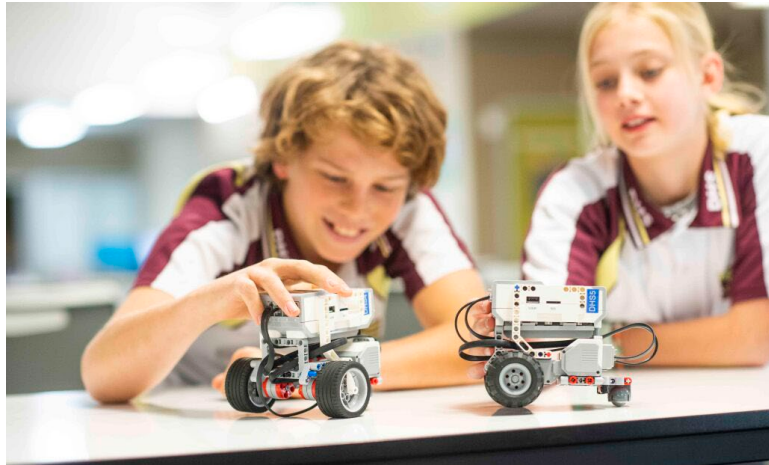
- A bigger school
- New students
- Different teachers for each subject
- New subjects
- New speciality classrooms
- New friends



DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES



- **RESPECT:** Treating yourself and others in a considerate and caring manner.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Taking ownership of your actions and their outcomes.
- **PERSONAL BEST:** Trying your hardest to perform as well as you can.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY



DURING SCHOOL HOURS

- Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during school hours in all NSW government schools.
- Students are required to turn off their phones and place their phones inside their school bags before they enter the school grounds.
- This ban includes wireless earbuds, smart phones and watches with cellular function.

TEACHING AND LEARNING



- Explicit teaching
- High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)



Head Teacher,
Teaching and
Learning
Kathleen Ballard



Head Teacher,
Stage 6
Jessica Kemp

TEACHING AND LEARNING



Explicit Teaching at Dungog High School

Explicit teaching involves teachers clearly explaining, demonstrating and modelling to students using high impact strategies. Research indicates that students who engage in explicit teaching practices achieve greater learning gains compared to those who do not.

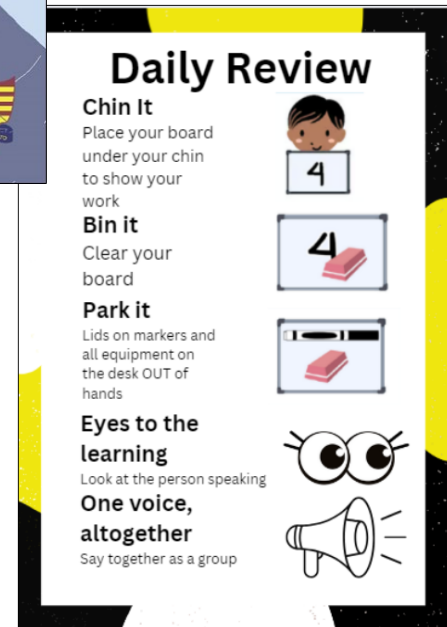
At Dungog High School, we prioritise these practices to enhance student learning and support their educational success

What is a Daily Review?

Daily Reviews of learning are short (5-8 minutes), whole class, teacher guided learning experiences. They provide spaced, interleaved retrieval practice of prior learning to consolidate and automatise important knowledge and skills.

Daily Reviews transfer learning content from short-term memory to long-term memory.

An information sheet is provided in your pack.



TEACHING AND LEARNING



High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)

The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy promotes engagement and challenge for every student in every school.

- <https://youtu.be/oZoOfHFW6HY>

Dungog High school currently offers a number of enrichment activities to support students across the four domains. Explicit teaching is one way in which we ensure an optimal environment for success. Moving into 2026 we would like to have early identification of those who may demonstrate High potential or Giftedness.

An information sheet and survey link is provided in your pack that will help us with this task.

SPORT



- Sport structure
- Representative teams
- Houses
- Sports carnivals
 - Swimming
 - Athletics
 - Cross Country



Head Teacher,
PDHPE

Maddy Cook

SPORT



Sport Houses

FITZGERALD (A-E)	MURRAY (F-K)
NICHOLSON (L-Q)	ROBINSON (R-Z)



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



CROSS COUNTRY



HEAD TEACHER WELLBEING



- Introduction and Role of the Head Teacher Wellbeing
- Engagement and Wellbeing Centre (EWC)
- Wellbeing programs
- Learning and Support



Head Teacher Wellbeing
(Relieving)

Aimee Fenton

BRAIN BREAK ACTIVITY



STUDENT ADMINISTRATION



- Compass and communication
- Student administration
- Buses
- Uniforms & Book Packs



School Administration Manager
Hazel Craig

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION



We use Compass as our school management system.

THE COMPASS APP

- Receive updates, reminders and communication from the school
- Receive or create attendance notifications
- Online statement of accounts and payment centre
- Receive academic reports
- See student timetables
- View the school calendar
- Book parent teacher interviews
- Online consent and payments for school excursions and online school photo ordering

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- SMS for non-attendance notifications
- Compass App
- Email
- Facebook

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION



Attendance

- Please notify the school by phone, email or through the Compass app if your child will be absent from school. If we have no explanation by 10.30am you will receive an SMS and an email that your student is not accounted for.

Leaving early

- If you require an early leavers pass for your student please email or send a note before school, with the time and reason for needing to leave early. A pass to leave class will be issued and the student will then need to attend the office to sign out and be collected.

Arriving Late

- Please call, email or send a note with your student if arriving late. If no explanation is given you will receive an SMS notification for an unexplained partial absence.

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION



Sick Bay

- If a student is unwell, they should ask the classroom teacher to come to the sick bay located at the front office. Children who are too unwell to be at school will need to be collected within a reasonable time frame. We cannot have students in sick bay all day. We have first aid trained staff who will be called on to assess any serious injury or illness.

Buses

- All students who wish to travel by bus that live outside 2km radius need to apply for a bus pass at Transport for NSW – link and more info on our website.
- Once your application is received the school will endorse the application and you will receive a notification of endorsement.
- Contact the bus company (Sheltons or LINQ) directly to enquire about times and pick up/drop off locations.

BOOK PACKS

- Available online from Stuart & Dunn Office Choice (flyer in information pack)
- Includes:
 - Exercise books
 - Pencil case
 - Pens, pencils, sharpener, eraser, ruler, glue stick, highlighters, coloured pencils, markers
 - Maths set
- Music pack is required for Year 7 (need to add on as an 'optional pack' when ordering)
- Calculators are highly recommended

BACK-TO-SCHOOL IS EASY WITH STUART & DUNN



Create and order your child's pack in minutes!

1. Visit stuartanddunn.officechoice.com.au/booklist
2. Select your school
3. Select Year Level drop down box on the top left
4. Select your preferred pack and add to cart
5. Enter Your Child's Name
6. To order for more children, repeat the above steps
7. Click on the cart
8. Select your preferred delivery/pick up method
9. Enter your details
10. Continue to payment method then process your payment



Important Information

*Home Delivery incurs a \$5.95 delivery fee.

*Pick Up From Store orders will receive a text message when your pack is ready



Consider it sorted.

Stuart & Dunn Office Choice

stuartanddunn.com.au

education@stuartanddunn.com.au

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02 4964 4664

10 Babilla Cl, Holmwood Business Park, Beresfield NSW 2322



UNIFORMS

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20% off sales 4 times a year
Mid to end of November



When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community

SHOES



- Proper footwear is important to ensure safety within our many speciality classrooms and around the school grounds
- School shoes must be leather or suede type material and offer adequate support to the foot.
- The shoe must cover the entire upper section of the foot to protect against falling objects or spilt liquids. No sandals, crocs, ballet flats or similar.
- The shoe must be completely black (including the sole and laces) with limited brandings or logos



TECHNOLOGY



- Technology overview
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program



eLearning Coordinator
Gillian Manning

TECHNOLOGY



As a school we embed technology skills in everyday teaching and learning. We strive to provide an environment where students can:

- access learning – any time from any device
- collaborate – develop critical thinking skills through discussion and sharing of ideas
- show creativity – students have access to a wide range of software
- become independent learners
- be career ready

At Dungog High we believe technology is an increasingly important part of an effective learning environment. We encourage students to bring their own personal laptop to use in the classroom.

The advantages and benefits

Higher student engagement

Seamless learning between school and home. Streamlining communication, reducing lost work and increasing visibility for parents/carers of their child's learning.

Career-ready skills

When students bring their own device they will refine their basic computer skills and digital literacy on a daily basis, preparing students to take on more complex tasks and responsibilities of a modern work environment.

Anywhere, anytime learning

With personal devices in the classroom students can access their learning digitally, at school or at home. This fosters independent learning, organisational skills and an ability to express themselves creatively.

Personalised learning

Using their own personal device students can access differentiated learning to meet their own personal needs, including the ability to utilise assistive technologies such as screen readers.



WHAT PLATFORMS DO WE USE?



- Department of Education NSW **Student Portal**
- **MS Teams** – classwork and assignments
- **Office 365 apps** – including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint etc. Files save automatically to student's OneDrive.
- Students can access files and classwork from any computer with an internet connection
- **Compass** – student timetables



DOES MY CHILD NEED THEIR OWN LAPTOP?



- In Years 7 and 8 teachers book school laptops as required.
- Year 7 and 8 students can choose to bring their own laptop if they prefer. They can access the school wifi on personal laptops.
- In Years 9-12 students are expected to have a laptop and to bring it to school every day. They can choose to bring their own personal laptop or to borrow one through the school loan program.



HOW DO I CHOOSE A LAPTOP FOR SCHOOL?



- If you are considering buying a laptop for your child, review our checklist in your information pack.
- Choose a device that is compact (11–13-inch screen).
- A sturdy carry case is recommended
- IMPORTANT - No additional software is required. Students can access all the software they need through the student portal free of charge.

DUNOG HIGH SCHOOL BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) CHECKLIST



● Highly recommended

Choose a device that is durable and sturdy and invest in a tough, good quality, carry case. 2 in 1 touchscreen devices with a stylus are a great versatile option.

● Software

Students already have free access to download Microsoft Office (including Word and PowerPoint) from their DoE student portal, as well as a free subscription to Office 365.



● Operating system

Dungog High School can support all operating systems across a variety of devices. We do not recommend using an iPad unless it has a keyboard accessory.



● Storage and RAM

We highly recommend a device with a solid state hard drive (SSD) for speed and durability and a minimum of 4GB RAM.



● Screen size

11-13 inches. Screen size will affect the overall weight of the device; we recommend a lightweight computer for portability.



HP BYOD PORTAL

FIND IT ON THE TECHNOLOGY PAGE OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



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About us →

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Our principal and staff

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Welcome year 7 2026

Facilities and resources

Policies and reports

Why choose us?

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Technology

Why choose us?

Microsoft Office 365 is the school's main learning platform. Students can access this platform in school and at home by visiting the [Student Portal](#) and clicking on the Office 365 tile. Students log in using their school email address eg fred.smith999@education.nsw.gov.au. Once logged in students can click the Microsoft Office 365 icon to access their class Teams, Word, PowerPoint and OneDrive. Students are encouraged to save all work to their OneDrive so that it is available from any device with an internet connection (both at school and at home). Students can also use the [DHS Student Links](#) webpage to find frequently used sites such as On Guard and the Renaissance reading platform.

Bring your own device (BYOD)

Students in years 9-12 are expected to bring a laptop to school every day. They can choose to bring their own or borrow one from school (see information below). Students in other years can bring their own laptop to school for learning purposes. Students can connect their personal laptops to the school's wifi. If you plan to purchase a device for your child, please refer to our [BYOD hardware checklist](#). Our HP BYOD portal offers a range of suitable devices, favourable warranty and payment options.

www.hp.com.au/BYOD

School Code: DungogHS

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BYOD Store Login

School Code

Start Shopping

Check if your school is registered

School Name

Check

To get your school code or to enquire about setting up a BYOD store for your school, please call 1300 725 017 or fill out the [contact form](#)

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE)



- Students are able to participate in SRE classes at school, delivered by approved providers.
- Parents/carers need to have elected for students to participate.
- Students who are not participating in SRE will remain in their normal timetabled class. No new work will be delivered during the lessons that students participating in SRE have been withdrawn from.



- For more information:
<https://dungog-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-and-support/learning>

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C)



- The Dungog High School P&C looks forward to welcoming the parents/carers of the Year 7 students in 2026.
- We rely on the wonderful support of parents and carers and kindly invite any new volunteers.
- For more information:
<https://dungog-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-life/community-involvement>



CANTEEN

- The canteen is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 9:00am for breakfast and is also open during recess and lunch.
- The canteen offers a wide variety of healthy foods and drinks.
- Cash and EFTPOS are accepted (card only, not phone).
- The canteen menu can be found on our website:
<https://dungog-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-life/canteen>



Canteen Menu

Hot Food

Garlic Bread	2.80
Lean Sausage Roll	4.20
Lean Spinach & Ricotta Roll	4.40
Beef Party Pie- Low Fat	2.80
Cheese Melt (Recess)	2.20
Ham & Cheese Melt (Recess)	3.30
Potato Wedges	4.20
Potato Scallop	1.50
Chicken Goujons (6)	4.20
Chicken Wedges (5)	5.30
Lasagne	4.90
Bacon/Egg Roll	5.60
Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato Roll	5.60
Chicken Burger/Lettuce/Mayo	6.60
Chicken Burger with Bacon	7.90
Chicken Caesar Burger	7.90
Sweet Chilli Chicken Burger	6.60
Cheeseburger	5.60
Hamburger	6.90
Noodles- Beef or Chicken	3.00
Honey Chicken/Fried Rice	5.60

Toasted Wraps

Teriyaki Chicken & Cheese	5.30
Butter Chicken & Cheese	5.30
Chicken & Cheese	4.20
Ham & Cheese	4.20
Spinach, Feta, Sundried Tomato	5.30
Taco Mince & Cheese	5.30

Sushi

Chicken x 2 pieces	3.70
Teriyaki Chicken x 2 pieces	3.70

Salads

Chicken Caesar Salad	5.80
Garden Salad	4.20
Gourmet Garden Salad	5.80
*Add chicken	1.50

Toasted Sandwiches

Chicken & Cheese	5.30
Ham & Cheese	5.30
Ham, Tomato & Cheese	5.30

Sandwiches

Egg/Lettuce	5.30
Curried Egg/Lettuce	5.30
Salad	5.30
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	5.30
Chicken/Lettuce/Mayo	5.30
Salad & Meat (Chicken or Ham)	5.80

Wraps

Flame Grilled Chicken	6.90
Chicken, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Mayo	
Chicken Schnitzel	6.90
Chicken, Lettuce, Cheese, Capsicum, Carrot, Mayo	
Chicken Caesar	6.90
Chicken, Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Caesar Dressing	
Taco	6.90
Taco Mince, Sour Cream, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa	
Ham & Salad	6.90
Small Wrap -- varieties of above)	4.50

Rolls

Salad	6.40
Meat/Salad (Chicken or Ham)	6.90

Snacks

Fruit Salad	4.80
Diced Fruit- plain	3.60
Red Rock Sea Salt Chips	1.80
Grainwaves	1.80
Blueberry or Choc Muffin (low fat)	3.60
Custard Tub	1.50
Chocolate Mousse	1.50
Fruit Yoghurt	2.80
Frozen Juice Cups	1.50
Frozen Snap Stix	1.50
Frozen Yoghurt	2.80
Paddlepop	2.80

Drinks

Water	2.70
Plain Milk 600ml	2.80
Flavoured Milk 300-500ml	3.50-4.60
Fruit Juice 250ml	3.20
Chill Aloe Juice	4.20
Liptons Iced Tea	4.70
Juice Bomb	3.60
Hot Chocolate	2.20



Health

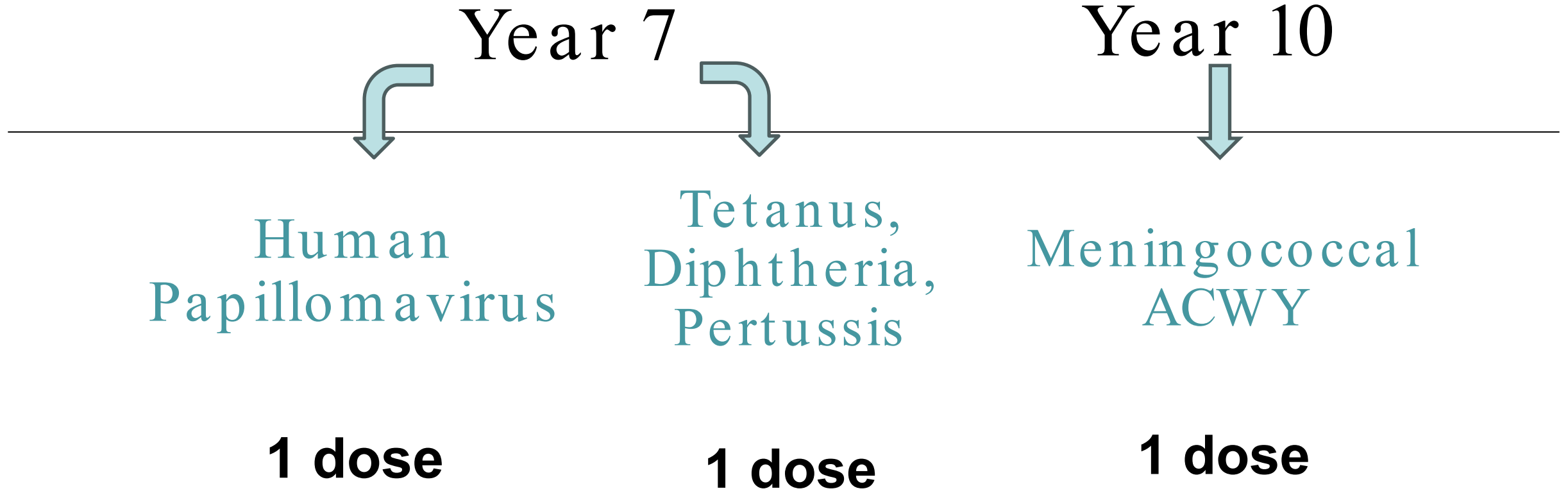
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Year 7 School Vaccination Program.

Protect your family, yourself and your community.....



What vaccines are given in High School?



NSW Health - We acknowledge HNELHD Immunisation team for use of slides

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



HPV is a group of viruses that affect both females & males.

Without vaccination 90% of people who are sexually active will have a genital HPV infection at some time in their lives.

HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body, including the vulva, vagina, throat, penis and anus.

Vaccination protects against 90% of cervical cancers

Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection.

Vaccine is **GARDASIL 9 – single dose**

Are there any side effects from vaccines?



Common reactions, such as:

Redness; swelling & soreness at injection site (10%)

Less commonly - mild fever (2%)

All students are observed for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.

Severe reactions are extremely rare.

What happens on the day?



A team of immunisation nurses specially trained in the School Vaccination Program will attend your child's school.

The team will confirm that your child has been consented for immunisation.

An immunisation nurse will then ask some questions ensuring that your child is ok to proceed with immunisation.

Your child will be immunised and then observed for 15 minutes before they return to their usual school activity.

Look for the Year 7 consent information in term 1

Schools will send a URL & QR code to parents at the beginning of the 2025 school year.

Parents will need to:

- Follow the links to provide consent.
- Have their Service NSW login details

OR

Ask the school for a paper consent form.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online



Year 7

- ☒ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- ☒ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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NSW Health

What if my child missed vaccinations at school?



- If your child is away from school on vaccination day:
- The nurses will provide the vaccine/s on their next visit to the school.
- You will be sent an SMS 3 days prior to the next scheduled school clinic.
- Missed vaccines will be caught up in year 8.
- **Is vaccination compulsory?**

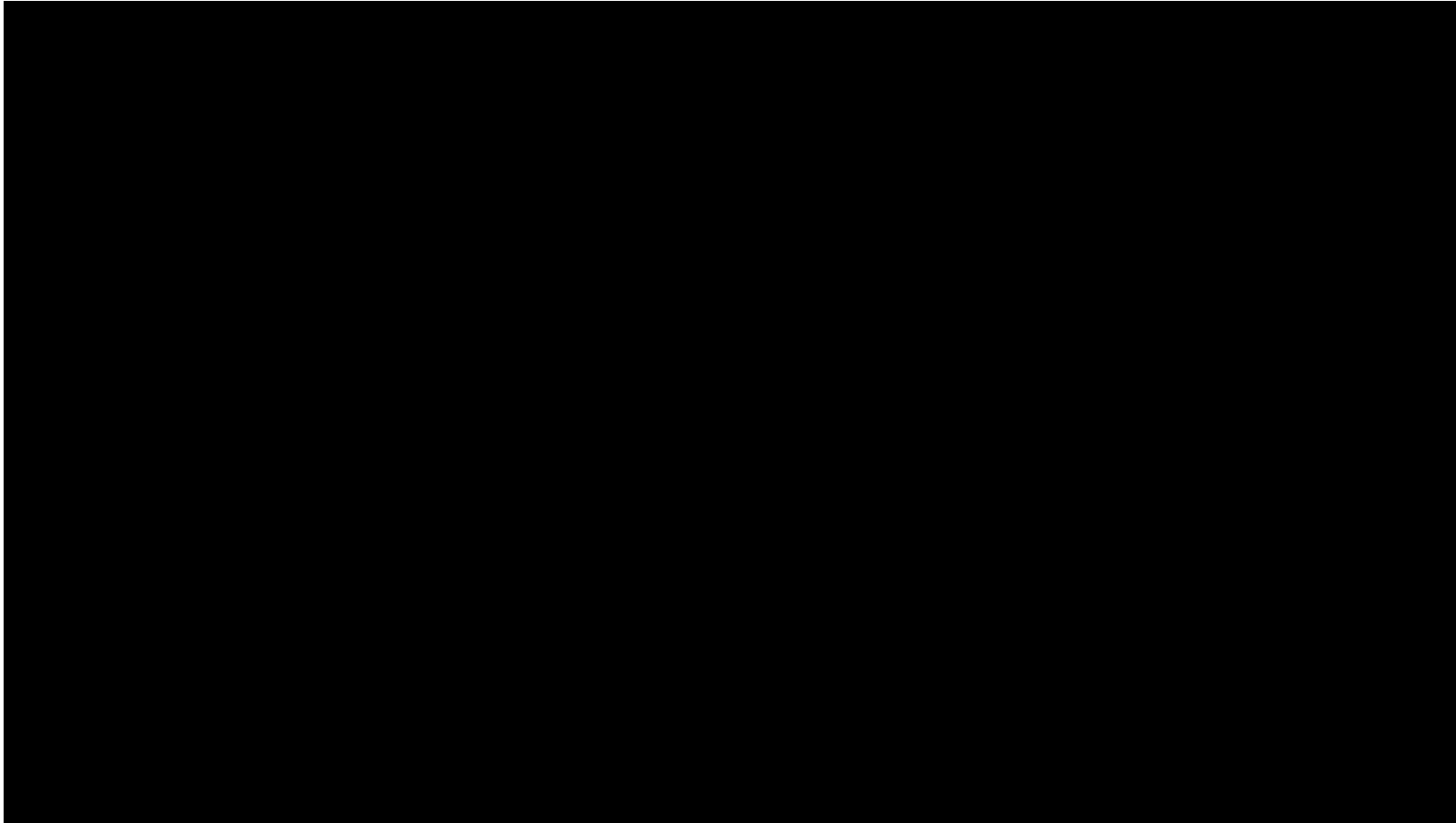
No, vaccination is not compulsory in Australia.

Information in other languages:

- <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/immunisation/index.asp>



How do I provide consent?



Questions?



Thank you!

UPCOMING TRANSITION EVENTS



- **Jump Start** – for students who require extra support to transition. Small group. By invitation only.
 - Tuesday 4th (Week 4) and Tuesday 18th November (Week 6)
- **Inclusion & Support Transition**
 - Tuesday 4th (Week 4) and Tuesday 18th November (Week 6)
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Transition Day**
 - Tuesday 25th November (Week 7)
- **Orientation Day**
 - Tuesday 2nd December (Week 8)

FIRST DAY 2026



Monday 2nd February 2026

- All year groups start on the same day
- Year 7 students will meet at the MPC for a 9am roll call and welcome
- First day schedule and information will be provided to students on Orientation Day

THANK YOU



What Next?

- Q & A with staff
- Uniform information
- Information packs
- School tours