

## COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic 23 - 24 August

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Tasmanian Government will be delivering free COVID-19 vaccines to students in years 11 and 12 who are aged 16 years and older.

The COVID-19 Schools Vaccination Program is part of the Tasmanian Government's "Super Six" week vaccination effort and is being delivered in conjunction with the Department of Education to vaccinate students with the aim of minimising disruption to the study and examination schedule.

This age group has been prioritised in recognition that they are socially active and are key drivers of transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19 across the country.

The clinic will be coming to Elizabeth College from **Monday 23 August –Tuesday 24 August**.

Students will receive the Pfizer (Comirnaty) vaccine. This vaccine has been approved for use in Australia for people aged 16 years and over by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and is delivered in two doses, three weeks apart. The clinic will return to the school to deliver the second dose from **Monday 13 September – Tuesday 14 September**.

On vaccination day, students will attend the vaccination clinic with their Home Group class at an allocated time to minimise disruption to lessons. Students will be vaccinated and then observed in the observation area for 15 minutes afterwards.

### Consent to receive the vaccine

All Tasmanians are being strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to protect themselves and the wider community. For young people under the age of 18 our preference is that this decision is reached jointly with their parent or guardian.

Students have been given a consent form during Home Group today. Please have a conversation with your child to discuss the vaccination and complete the consent form together. Please be aware that legally students over the age of 16 can give their own consent following a discussion with a nurse immuniser.

**Completed consent forms need to be returned to the main office by 3.00pm Friday 20 August.**

Copies of the consent forms can also be accessed online [in English](#) and [a range of other languages](#). Pre-filling the consent form and returning them to the main office will make the process faster on the day.

For further information please visit <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/vaccination-information/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-schools-program/> , access the [Covid-19 Schools Program FAQ](#), or call the Elizabeth College main office ph 6235 6555.