## **HPV** vaccine catch up program

Cardinia Shire Council and the City of Casey have partnered to deliver the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) catch up program.

The program is available for adolescents aged up to 26 years old who missed their secondary school vaccine.



## Book your vaccine now!

Saturday 28 October, 10am – 1pm Bunjil Place, 2 Patrick North East Drive, Narre Warren

Scan the QR code or call 1300 787 624.

## Things you should know about HPV

- HPV is a common virus that is primarily spread through sexual contact. HPV infection can cause cancers and other conditions that lead to serious health consequences in people of all genders.
- The benefits of HPV vaccines are greatest when they are given before exposure to the virus. This underpins the implementation of vaccination to young people in early high school prior to their sexual debut.
- HPV vaccines are critical to eliminating cervical cancer. Almost all cervical cancers are linked to HPV infection. Vaccination also protects against genital warts and HPV related genital, anal and oropharyngeal cancers.
- HPV vaccination doesn't protect against all types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer.
  Cervical screening tests for women and people with a cervix are recommended every 5 years between 25-74 years of age.

More information about HPV can be found at www.health.gov.au

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