

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENT

Under the Public Health Act (2010), school Principals are required to request from parents of students enrolling for Years 7-12 documentary evidence of their child's immunisation status. All children enrolling in Year 7 are required to provide an **Australian Immunisation Register 'Immunisation History Statement'** to the school.

This does not mean that immunisation is compulsory. Parents have the right to choose. However, in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, unimmunised children may be required to remain at home for the duration of the outbreak.

As of August 2004, the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) generates an **Immunisation History Statement** verifying the student's immunisation status for school entry purposes. If your child is classified as "fully immunised" the statement will say:

"This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age"

Please note that a student's Personal Health Record (Blue Book) cannot be accepted as evidence of immunisation.

The Immunisation History Statement:

- Reminds and encourages parents to have their children immunised.
- Will indicate if your child has received all immunisations due up to the age of 5 years.
- Will indicate if your child has not been fully immunised, for whatever reason.
- Helps the Public Health Unit to identify children who have not been immunised, if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school.

Where do I get an Immunisation History Statement for my child?

- The Immunisation History Statement is automatically generated by the AIR and posted to the address you have listed with Medicare when your child has received their booster vaccines at 4 years of age.
- You can also request the statement through the MyGov app or at any Medicare Office.
- Contact the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

If your child is not immunised or is not up to date, the Immunisation History Statement will indicate <u>incomplete immunisation</u>. Your child will still be able to enrol, however he/she may not be able to attend if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the school. Your local doctor can provide the necessary vaccines to complete your child's vaccinations.

For further information please contact the Immunisation Team at the Public Health Unit on 4221 6700.

EXAMPLE OF AN IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENT

