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GPs in Schools Pilot

Dear Students

Helping you get the health care you need

Starting from **Thursday 14 July, 2022 (Week 1, Term 3)**, our school will have a GP clinic at school, one day per week, especially for you.

All secondary students will be able to visit the GP clinic. Our GP will provide you with health information, advice and treatment. You can go to the GP for any physical or mental health concerns, including about your sexual and reproductive health.

Dr Dushyant Singh, though he likes to be called Dr D, a General Practitioner (GP) and Nurse **Blessing Gijimani** will be joining us from Urgent Care Brisbane, where they work on the other days of the week, and also with other GP Pilot Schools.

How can I make an appointment for the GP?

Our school's GP clinic will be open every **Thursday** during school terms between **8:00am – 4:00pm**. You can make an appointment to see the GP **before school, during class times and at break times**.

Booking an appointment to see the school GP is easy – just talk to **Reception at Wellbeing Hub #2**, send an email to wellbeinghub#2@thegapshs.eq.edu.au. We hope to have a cloud based booking system up and running early in Term 3 and will advise as soon as it is available so you can book yourself in. If you know you want to make an appointment over the next three weeks in preparation for the first day next term, please email the hub and they will book an appointment time for you.

Do I see the GP by myself?

It's up to you. You can see Dr D by yourself, or you can choose to go with a parent/carer.



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Can I consent (agree) to my own medical treatment?

Yes, if the GP thinks you understand what the treatment means, how it will help you and what the risks are, you will be considered a 'mature minor' and be able to make your own decision about treatment. In making their decision, the GP will consider:

- your age and maturity;
- your independence – whether you live at home with a parent/carer, or support yourself;
- how serious the treatment is; and
- if you understand why the treatment is needed, what it involves, and things that might go wrong (like side effects from medication, or other complications).

If the GP doesn't consider you to be a 'mature minor', then they can still give you support, but will need to get permission from your parent/carer first.

How much will it cost to see the GP?

Seeing the GP at school is free. You will need to remember to bring your Medicare card (or your Medicare number) with you to your appointment. If you don't know or remember it, school staff at Wellbeing Hub #2 can help you access this information.

What is a Medicare card and how do I get my own?

A Medicare card allows people to get medical services and medicines at low cost or for free.

Usually young people are named on their parents'/carers' Medicare card. If you are 15 years or older, you can get your own Medicare card by completing a simple application with [Medicare Australia](#). The GP can help you with this process.

What if I can't get a Medicare card (or number)?

No worries. We'll be able to help you. Let Reception at Wellbeing Hub #2 know when you make your appointment, or let Dr D know when you go to your appointment.



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Will my parent/carer know that I went to the GP?

If the GP thinks you can see them by yourself and make your own decisions about treatment, they will not share information with your parents/carers, unless you say they can, there is an immediate risk to your or other's safety and wellbeing, or they are required or permitted by law. This is called confidentiality.

However, if you are under 15 years of age and are still on your parents' Medicare card, your parents will generally have access to information about your appointment via their Medicare account. This means they will be able to see the date of your appointments and the name of the GP you have seen. If you are worried about this, talk to the GP.

Will the school GP tell anyone at school about my appointment?

Your conversation with the GP will be confidential and not shared with anyone else, unless you agree, there is an immediate risk to your or other's safety and wellbeing, or the GP is permitted or required by law to tell someone.

In some situations, the GP may think your parents/carers (or teachers) should know about your visit and treatment. The GP will tell you why this is and will help you to talk with them if needed.

For more information about the school's GP service, please see: Miss Speers, Deputy Principal – Wellbeing and Inclusion



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