

10 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Galilee School community,

We hope this letter finds you well.

We thank you for your support in continuing to implement our *Remote Learning and Support Model* (RLSM). Our RLSM is progressing well.

As you have been advised; in partnership with the ACT Government, the ACT Education Directorate, and Aspen Health, Galilee School is providing the opportunity for students that wish to, to access the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination on site at the school next Thursday 16th September.

Aspen Health will deliver the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination to participating students aged 12 years and over.

To book in your appointment, [please go to this signup sheet](#) and select a booking time that suits you (between the hours of 09:00 and 15:15). Each timeslot is limited to 3 students. Please book a student timeslot as well as an accompanying parent /carer timeslot (this booking is not to receive a vaccination for you as a parent or carer; it is intended to help us to comply with record keeping and health directives). Bookings need to be made by 5pm Monday 13 September please.

You will need to complete the [attached consent](#) form for every person requiring a vaccination, please print it out and bring it with you to the vaccination. If you don't have access to a printer you can email it through to [galilee.school@commsatwork.org](mailto:galilee.school@commsatwork.org) and we will print it and have it available for you at the time of vaccination. Families who require help to complete the consent form please contact us on (02) 6293 6314.

Additional copies of the consent form are [available here](#).

Students will need to be accompanied by their parent or carer for their vaccination. Students are required to remain under observation, by the staff of Aspen Health, for at least 15 minutes following their vaccination. Whilst Galilee School staff will be on site and available to support the young people attending, parents and carers are responsible for looking after their child during the vaccination process.

Where possible we ask that students and their carers make their own way to the school on Thursday. If this represents a challenge for you, please contact us to discuss options that can be explored for assisting in getting you to the school for the vaccination program.

COVID-19 vaccines are free and are available regardless of Medicare or visa status.

## **When Where Who**

Thursday 16 September (booking times available across the day)

Galilee School Kambah Campus

244 Kambah Pool Road Kambah

Students enrolled at Galilee School 12yo and over

## **Masks**

A reminder that when visiting our school, school community members are required to comply with ACT COVID-19 Health directions including the wearing of masks for persons aged 12 years and older. Any person who has a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a face mask unsuitable is not required to wear a mask.

## **Vaccinations for parents and carers**

We were exploring the possibility of having vaccinations for parents and carers included in the Galilee School 'in reach' initiative. Unfortunately, due to a number of factors, **this will not be possible.**

Carers of people with disability are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine right now. You can book in to get a vaccination by calling the ACT COVID-19 vaccination booking line on 02 5124 7700 between 7am to 7pm, daily. You can also book in to get a vaccination at a participating GP or pharmacist. More information is available at [www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinebooking)

ACT Health operates an Access and Sensory vaccination clinic where people with disability, support staff, volunteers and carers can get vaccinated. The clinic is moving to the Weston Creek Community Health Centre from Monday 13 September. You can make an appointment to attend the clinic by calling the ACT COVID-19 vaccination booking line on 02 5124 7700 between 7am to 7pm, daily. You can find out more at [www.covid19.act.gov.au/disability](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/disability)

## **More information**

Our school will continue to operate under our RLSM while the vaccination program is delivered, and we will work closely with families to ensure we meet the individual needs of each student.

For more information on vaccines visit: [www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccine)

The RLSM on Thursday 16 September will have a slightly adjusted timetable for all cohorts, to balance the support needed on site at Kambah together with the ongoing opportunity for connection and engagement with those young people not participating in the vaccination program as well as before and after their vaccination for those students that are having the vaccine. Further information regarding the adjustments to Thursday's timetable will be shared with students in their online meetings on Wednesday, in addition to this information will be posted on our website on Wednesday.

As has been the case since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the environment within which we are operating is changing all the time.

Our Remote Learning and Support Model (RLSM) will remain in place for Week 10.

The pickup and drop off of learning packets at homes has been going well. Can we please ask however, that when engaging in those pickups and drop offs that students and parents/carers please wear a mask when talking with staff; this is out of consideration for the welfare of staff of the school.

In Week 10 our focus will be on collecting completed work from students that can be used for assessment and reporting purposes. If we are continuing with our RLSM in Term 4, the next delivery would be in the second week of the school holidays. Further information about this will be communicated as we have more information and are able to respond.

The ACT Government has flagged information about a 'road map' out of lockdown with initial details provided next Tuesday 14 September. We will consider that advice as a school and provide an update to you next week.

Please visit our school website <https://www.commsatwork.org/services/community/galilee-school/> to access communications, resources, and support during this time.

Regular reviews will continue to be conducted of the operations of Galilee School considering:

- any new medical advice received
- feedback from young people and families
- staffing resources
- ACT Government advice.

The Timetable for all year levels next week (Week 10) is online on our school website and remains the same as Week 9. Some adjustments may be made on Thursday and will be communicated as specified above.

Regular updates will continue to be provided via text message and via *School Stream*.

Please stay connected with us via our Galilee School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GalileeSchool/>

Thanks for your ongoing support. We continue to seek to do whatever it takes to keep our community safe, engaged and supported.

Yours sincerely



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