

## Immunisation consent card success

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate Korumburra Secondary College for winning the 2018 Immunisation Consent Return Rate Competition with 100 per cent for the third year running.

Each year, Council runs a competition with the local secondary schools to see which school can encourage the most immunisation consent cards to be returned within a designated period. This year Council received consent cards for 750 Year 7 and 10 students.

Mary MacKillop came in second with a very impressive 95 per cent return rate. Secondary school immunisations are held in years 7 and 10 to protect against the Human Papilloma Virus, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Meningococcal.

South Gippsland Shire's Immunisation Coordinator, Tim DeVere was pleased with the participation levels.

"This year all schools obtained a consent form return rate of over 80 per cent which is a tremendous achievement. We are thankful for the office staff and teachers who distributed packs, sorted cards and made follow up enquiries.

"This work helps to protect our students from disease and we cannot understate how much we appreciate the secondary schools full and enthusiastic support," said Mr DeVere.

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