



## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

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Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above.

### What does the research involve?

The aim of this study is to evaluate the effect of a collectable card game, Vaxcards, as part of the Council and your child’s school community vaccination program. Participation involves consenting to receive a pack of the game cards when returning this consent form and completing a short online survey after vaccination.

If you do not want your child to receive a copy of the game, please indicate this by selecting the SECOND box below and return to shcool.

### Why were you chosen for this research?

High school students and their parents are involved in the study, as part of the routine schedule of vaccines this year we will be investigating the attitudes, knowledge and behaviours around vaccines for high school students and their parents. You have the option to opt out of this study interventions but overall data of school vaccination rates will be collected.

### Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

YES, I would like a pack of Vaxcards for my child upon return of their vaccination consent form

I would NOT like a pack of Vaxcards for my child upon return of their vaccination consent form

### Possible benefits and risks to participants

This form only pertains to receiving the card game pack, it does not indicate consent for vaccination or not. Vaxcards is an educational card game designed for school aged children, there are no risks associated with this product. This study will help inform understanding of high school students’ participation in community vaccination programs in Australia that could support the development of these programs in the future.

### Confidentiality

Any information you provide will be treated confidentially and research findings will be reported in such a way that individuals will not be identifiable.

### Use of data for other purposes

This data may be used for future research within the scope of this topic and may be shared with the supporting government department of this project.

### Results

Results will be published in journal articles and reports, and presented at conferences. Participants can contact the lead investigator Dr Dan Epstein by telephone (03 9905 0545) or via email ([dan.epstein@monash.edu](mailto:dan.epstein@monash.edu)) to request a copy of published results.

### Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC):

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Thankyou,

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