



### **Introduction of SBC Boarding at Home GP Service & COVID Vaccination Information**

Good afternoon Boarding Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, we are very excited to announce that we will be offering weekly GP visits 'at home' in Boarding, commencing this week. Dr. Bhavna Bhimarasetty from Skye Medical Practice in Armadale will be visiting Boarding each Wednesday afternoon, provided there is the demand (i.e. if there is only one non-urgent case, we will look to reschedule to the following week). Any urgent appointments (those that need same day/next day appointments not falling on a Wednesday) will still be booked through our local GP service. We anticipate that having the same GP visit Boarding each week will provide continuity of care and allow the GP to build rapport with our Boarding students. Please contact the College Nurse or Head of Boarding if you would like to book an appointment for your daughter to see Dr. Bhimarasetty.



Dr Bhavna Bhimarasetty (or 'Dr. B') was raised near Birmingham in the UK and attended St George's University, Grenada graduating with her MD in 2011.

She completed all of her medical and specialist GP training in the UK and emigrated to Perth in 2018.

Bhavna and her husband have settled in the southern suburbs and welcomed their first child in February 2020.

Bhavna has a specialist interest in child health, women's health, breastfeeding medicine and ENT.

Secondly, we have had several requests from parents/guardians regarding the Boarding House organising COVID-19 vaccinations for the girls. We are very happy to take the girls (it is generally to the local pharmacy, or sometimes to the local doctors), though it would help greatly with our planning if we knew which girls required shots, and details.

Also, the age of your daughter will change the sort of consent we need. Generally, for students over the age of 16, they can sign the consent form themselves. We are happy for them to do this, as long as the College has written consent from the parent/guardian. For the younger students, signed consent is usually needing to be emailed directly to the pharmacy/doctor.

If you would like us to take your daughter for her COVID-19 vaccination, please provide the below information:

- Whether this is their first/second/booster shot
- If it is their second or booster shot, we also need to know when they are due for this follow-up shot
- What type of vaccination they had previously (e.g Pfizer, Moderna etc.)
- Where they had their previous shot(s) (e.g at a state-run clinic, or the name of the health centre/pharmacy etc.
- If there is any other information we would find useful

Kind regards,

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