



GPs in Schools

Information for Students

Helping students access the health care they need.

Did you know that our school has a GP clinic especially for secondary students?

Our GP is able to 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 Angela Mamic, is a General Practitioner (GP) from Top Health Doctors Underwood, where she works on the other day of the week.

How can I make an appointment for the GP?

Our school's GP is available every Wednesday during school terms between 8.40am-2.40pm. You can make an appointment to see the GP during class times, as well as at break times.

Booking an appointment to see the school GP can be made by students either in person by seeing the Student Services Officers in K Block, referral through a Guidance Officer or by sending an email to GP@woodridgeshs.eq.edu.au.

Do I see the GP by myself?

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

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, and 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 for me to see the GP at school?

All visits with the school GP will be provided at no cost to students or their families. The GP will bulk-bill all appointments through Medicare, so it is important that your child brings their Medicare card or number with them to their appointment.

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 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 you 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.

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 apply for your own Medicare card by completing a simple application process through [Services Australia](#). The GP can help your child with this process.

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

The intention of providing a GP clinic at Woodridge State High School is to provide students with free access to a GP, to make it easier for students to access the healthcare they need.

If you are not eligible for a Medicare card, you will still be able to access the school GP. When making your appointment, please make sure you let them know at that time or let Dr Angela Mamic know when you go to your appointment.

For more information about the school's GP clinic please contact: Deputy Principal - Mrs Landbeck.

