

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HELPING VICTORIA'S YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTH CARE

The Victorian Government is making sure young people are receiving the health support, advice and treatment they need to reach their full potential.

The \$43.8 million Doctors in Secondary Schools initiative is delivering on the Government's election commitment to fund general practitioners (GPs) to attend 100 of Victoria's schools to provide medical advice and health care to those students most in need.

A targeted Expression of Interest (Eoi) process will assist the Victorian Government to select the Victorian Government secondary schools that will participate in the program.

KEY DATES - 2016

- Expressions of Interest open Monday 9 May
- Expressions of Interest close 5pm, Monday 13 June

WHAT IS THE DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM?

The Doctors in Secondary Schools program will provide funding for up to 100 Victorian Government secondary schools in need to have an adolescent health-trained GP attend once a week to provide medical advice and health care to its students.

This initiative will also provide for:

- staff coordination and training
- modern, fit-for-purpose rooms where required.¹

WHEN WILL THE PROGRAM START?

The first GPs will commence delivering their services in selected secondary schools from Term 1, 2017.

¹The infrastructure provided to individual Victorian Government schools will depend on the needs of the individual school and will either consist of a refurbishment of an existing room, or the provision of a new relocatable building. The Victorian Government will determine which is most appropriate for each individual Victorian Government school selected to participate in the program.

WHICH SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE?

Schools have been invited to submit an Expression of Interest based on two criteria:

- 1. Student Family Occupation and Education (SFOE)** — is calculated based on parental occupation and education data collected at school level and is considered the most accurate measure of disadvantage.
- 2. Access to health services** — consideration has also been given to schools that are located in areas that have limited/restricted access to a local GP.

HOW WILL APPLICATIONS BE ASSESSED?

Selected Victorian Government secondary schools should carefully consider the following key selection criteria to determine their readiness to commit to this important health and wellbeing program:

- demonstrated student need
- capacity to build relationships with the community, including health services and the parent body
- long-term commitment to student health and wellbeing.

HOW CAN SCHOOLS APPLY?

The principals of selected secondary schools will be emailed directly and invited to submit an Expression of Interest online via SurveyMonkey. Detailed instructions and an Application Guideline will be provided to schools in an invitation email.

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