HELPING VICTORIA'S YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTH CARE

The Victorian Government is making sure young people are receiving health support, advice and the 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 Victorian schools to
provide medical advice and health
care to all students in need. This
brochure provides information
about the program and how to
book an appointment.







Doctors In Secondary School Program

The Doctors in Secondary Schools program provides funding for Craigieburn Secondary College to have an adolescent health-trained GP and registered nurse attend our College once a week to provide medical advice and health care to all our students.

Bulk Billing - Free Service





Dr Vajna Rafeek is at our College every Friday from 10 AM – 2 PM.

The doctor is a great place to start if you are concerned or needing help.

Services Include:

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- Information or advice about any health issue.
- Medical and Health check-ups.
- Information or advice about your physical wellbeing.
- Healthy eating and exercise advice.
- Advice on relationship issues.
- Asthma Management & Action Plans.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing.
- Sexual Health.
- Vision Checks.
- External referrals to other health services.



Suman Ale (Registered Nurse)
attends the College along with the Doctor.
Working in collaboration with Doctor Vajna,
Suman can assist you with a range of
different health advice and services.

Confidentiality:

It is important that you know that your appointment will be kept confidential – which means kept private.

- When you book your appointment through the school nurse, she is not allowed to tell other people in the school (teachers, coordinators, and friends) or parents, that you have booked an appointment to see the doctor.
- The school nurse will have to let your teacher know that you will be absent from class, however she does not need to tell them that you are with the doctor.
- If you want your appointment to be completely private (for example, you do not want anyone in the school to know), you can speak directly to the Practice nurse – Suman. In this case, you will need to drop into the Doctors in School Portable during recess or lunch time.

Important Information:

- * You can visit the doctor alone, with a friend or with a family member. There is no law in Victoria that says you have to be a certain age before you can visit the doctor on your own. If you go alone, the doctor will need to make sure you are mature enough and able to understand any medical advice or information they give you during the appointment.
- * During the appointment the doctor will talk to you about why you are there and decide if you are able to consent to treatment yourself, or if they think your parents or carers should be involved. Sometimes the Doctor might need to talk to your parents or carers (with your consent) so she can have a better understanding about your previous health history or to ensure your safety.
- * If you are 14 years or older, your information is kept private by Medicare. Even if your parents ask for a statement, your visit to the doctor at school will not be shown.

To book an appointment or for more information please see the school nurse Mallissa Allen located in the sick bay.

Out of school hours, you can access Dr Vajna Rafeek's service from Hanson Medical Centre @ 1 Hanson Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064.

Phone: 9305 5555

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