



Bracken Ridge
State High School

GPs in Schools



Information for Parents/Carers



Helping students access the health care they need

Students at Bracken Ridge State High School now have access to a free GP clinic at school from June 2022. Our school's clinic will be staffed by Dr Yan Lee a General Practitioner (GP). Dr Yan Lee will provide students with the majority of the same services that GPs in the community do, including management of physical health, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health issues. Only secondary students enrolled at Bracken Ridge State High School will be able to access healthcare in our school's clinic.

How can my child make an appointment with the GP?

Our school's GP clinic will be open every Tuesday during school terms between 7.30am-11.30am. Appointments will be available before school, and during class times, as well as at break times. Appointments to see the school GP can be made either in person by visiting the Wellbeing Hub student counter, emailing gp@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au or calling 3869 7214.

How much will it cost for my child 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.

If students are ineligible to access Medicare, contact the Wellbeing Hub Administration for further information.

When can a young person get their own Medicare card?

Young people can apply for their own Medicare card when they turn 15 years of age. They will need to complete an application process through [Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au). The GP can help your child with this process.

Where will my child's medical records be kept?

The medical records will belong to Dr Yan Lee, and this will be securely stored. The school will not be able to access your child's medical records.

Can my child consent (agree) to their own medical treatment?

In Queensland, young people under the age of 18 can consent to their own medical treatment if they are determined to be a mature minor. Young people who are not deemed to be a mature minor cannot give consent to their own medical treatment and consent will be sought from parents/carers.

What does "mature minor" mean?

Mature minors are young people under the age of 18 years who are determined by a medical professional to be capable of providing informed consent for treatment of a particular health issue without having the permission of a parent or carer.

How will the school GP decide whether a young person is a mature minor?

To decide whether a young person is a mature minor and can consent to their own medical treatment, the GP will consider a range of factors, including:

- the young person's age;
- maturity in other areas of the young person's life;
- independence – whether they live at home with a parent or carer, or support themselves;



Would I ever find out about my child's GP visit?

If the GP decides that your child is a mature minor, their health information cannot be discussed with you or anyone else unless your child says it is OK to share, or the sharing of the information is permitted or required by law. This is called confidentiality.

The following are examples of when the sharing of health information is permitted or required by law:

- Your child consents to sharing the information.
- Sharing information is necessary to prevent a serious threat to public health, safety or welfare – e.g. your child has an illness that must be notified to the Department of Health.
- Sharing information is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious and imminent threat to any person's health, safety or welfare.

If your child is a mature minor, to maintain confidentiality, school staff are not able to tell you when your child has seen the GP unless your child agrees, or the sharing of information is permitted or required by law.

What if my child is not eligible for a Medicare card?

The intention of providing a GP clinic at Bracken Ridge 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 your child is not eligible for a Medicare card, they are still able to access the school GP free of charge.

For more information about the school's GP service, please contact:

Mrs Beth Steedman (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Guidance Officer

Mrs Elyse Gilbert (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Guidance Officer

You can locate Mrs Steedman and Mrs Gilbert in the Wellbeing Hub A Block or by emailing gp@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au

If you require support with any other Wellbeing matters, or have any questions about other Wellbeing services offered by the school, please contact Beth and Elyse at GuidanceOfficer@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au