

## Information for the community

### Helping students access the health care they need

Ravenshoe State School P-12 has been selected to participate in the *GPs in Schools Pilot*. This Pilot is operating in 50 Queensland Secondary Schools and Ravenshoe is the only one on the Tableland to be selected.

The Pilot is part of the Queensland Government's Student Wellbeing Package. The initiative is designed to make it easier for adolescents in Queensland schools to access the healthcare they need.

The Pilot has allowed our school to set up a fit-for-purpose GP clinic on school grounds. This clinic will provide students with access to a GP two half days a week, during school terms.

### What services will the GP provide?

Our school GP clinic will offer secondary students the majority of services that young people are able to access from GPs in the community, including management of physical health, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health issues.

### Will there be a cost for students to see the GP?

All visits to the 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 students bring their Medicare card (or their Medicare number) with them to their appointment.

### Our school clinic staff

Our school has two GP's who attend on different days from the Ravenshoe Medical Centre.

For more detail about our school's GP clinic, Fact Sheets are available for students and parents/carers on the school website.

The purpose of the pilot is to provide secondary students who may otherwise face barriers to receiving timely and appropriate healthcare with free access to a GP at school. Providing this service will have a positive impact on students' health and wellbeing and their readiness and ability to engage at school.

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