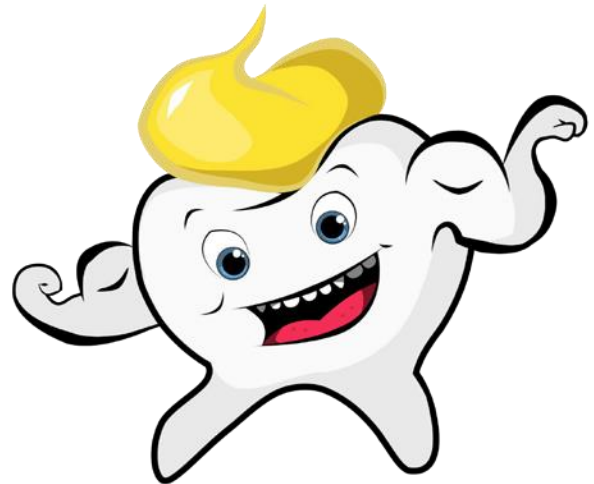


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## **CONSENT FORM**

### **Top End Oral Health Service Fluoride Varnish Program**



**Dear Parent/Carer**

Your child's school is taking part in a Fluoride Varnish Program, which aims to improve the dental health of local children.

The application of fluoride varnish is recognised as a safe and effective way for reducing dental decay. Fluoride varnish is a highly concentrated form of fluoride that is directly applied to teeth by a trained health professional. It forms a waxy coat that sticks to the teeth until it is worn off by chewing or brushing. Fluoride varnish is recommended for infants and children every 3 to 6 months, based on the risk of dental decay.

Fluoride varnish is complementary to other forms of fluoride use, such as fluoridated water and toothpaste. Fluoride varnish, in conjunction with fluoridated water, provides an additional amount of protection for the next few months to help stop the progression of early decay and assist in preventing new cavities.

TEOHS will support an Oral Health Therapist / qualified health professional to regularly attend your child's school to apply fluoride varnish. This dental visit will not replace your child's usual check-up and you are encouraged to make an appointment if your child has not had a check-up in the last 12 months.

Please inform the school if there are any changes to your child's medical history. If at any time, you wish to withdraw consent you can do so by contacting Top End Oral Health Service on **(08) 8922 6466**.

**If you have any questions or would like to know more about the program, please call (08) 8922 6466.**

Please sign the consent form overleaf and return it to your child's school.



