**Body Art and Hepatitis C**

Ballarat Community Health offers Body Art and Hepatitis C education sessions for secondary school students in Years 9 to 12. These sessions cover topics such as decision making and the consequences of body art, in particular the practice of self-tattoos, piercings and branding which exposes young people to a greater risk of contracting hepatitis C. This enables students to gain an understanding of transmission and prevention of hepatitis C.

Alternatively, Ballarat Community Health can assist with brochures, information or resources to support your school in providing information about body art and hepatitis C transmission and prevention.

Ballarat Community Health also provides opportunities for hepatitis C support for the wider community through the Integrated Hepatitis C Nurse Program and the Liver Clinic at Ballarat Health Services.

For further information or body art and hepatitis C resources visit:

[www.fpv.org.au](http://www.fpv.org.au)

[www.hepatitisaustralia.com](http://www.hepatitisaustralia.com)

[www.hepvic.org.au](http://www.hepvic.org.au)

[www.hivhepsti.info](http://www.hivhepsti.info)

Please contact Bridget Campbell on (03) 5338 4500 or by email at BridgetC@bchc.org.au to register your interest in this or any other school opportunities.

**Ballarat Community Health staff require a minimum of four weeks notice when working in schools.**