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## [B.B.V. on the H.P.E. Curriculum](#)

### [Hepatitis N.S.W.s Newest Weapon in the Education Arsenal](#)

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**I**f you're a parent, uncle, aunt, sister, brother of a young person, it is easy to understand why blood-borne virus education at school is so important.

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While generally parents don't want to encourage their kids to use drugs, they also know that kids will be kids. What they may not know is that the average age for initiation into injecting drug use is nineteen years of age. Without proper knowledge of how to stay safe, young people who start injecting are at serious risk of infection with [H.I.V.](#), hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

C me community advocates across [N.S.W.](#) are currently campaigning for Blood Borne Viruses in the National Health and Physical Education curriculum (B.B.V. in H.P.E.) to ensure viral hepatitis education is included on the National Health and Physical Education curriculum which will be taught in every public school in [N.S.W.](#)

Hepatitis [N.S.W.](#) has made a written submission on the draft curriculum and has encouraged a number of other organisations to make formal submissions. They believe that the draft curriculum does not include sufficient information to teach students and young people about blood awareness, and more specifically about blood-borne viruses like [Hep B.](#), [Hep C.](#) and [H.I.V./AIDS.](#)

Hepatitis [N.S.W.](#) is also using Twitter as the newest weapon in the online advocacy arsenal. C me community advocates have been provided with a book to guide them in using this new advocacy tool as well as a list of suggested 'tweets' for the campaign [B.B.V.](#) on the [H.P.E.](#)

The Guide to Tweeting for C me campaigning and a list of suggested tweets will be loaded onto the [C me website](#)  for anyone else who would like to be involved in the campaign.

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