

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Education Act states, “Every parent/guardian of a student being of the age of compulsory attendance shall, unless some reasonable excuse exists, cause such student to attend a school on each school day.”

Examples of reasonable excuse as defined by the Education Act are:

- Sickness
- Temporary or permanent illness
- Unavoidable cause
- Fear of infection from disease.

In the case of absence from school, we request written advice from parent/guardian or a phone call to our administration.

Parents should contact the school by 10:30 on 3381 4888.

It is a legal requirement to monitor and track each student’s attendance in line with the Education Queensland expectations. Parents wishing to collect a child prior to the end of the school day must visit the office to sign out the child PRIOR to collecting them from the classroom.

If a child is absent for 3 days or more without notification, the school will contact parents to enquire about the reason for the absence.

If a child is absent for more than three days this information is passed onto the Principal

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

1st Bell is at 8:40am

'Every Day Counts'



Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!



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