

# School Attendance

'Every Day Counts'



Success Primary School

## Responsibilities of parents and caregivers

Regular attendance at school is critical for students to achieve optimal social and academic learning outcomes

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# Attendance

Please ensure your child is in the habit of coming to school daily. Make it your expectation that they attend daily and only miss school for valid reasons.

## **Valid reasons include:**

- Illness/Infectious Disease
- Appointments for the student
- School has requested an absence
- Family funerals
- Principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason

## **Unacceptable reasons include:**

- Family holidays
- Staying home for birthdays
- Visitors are arriving and/or leaving

Family holidays should be planned during the school holidays. If a trip is planned during school time the student absence will be recorded as taking unauthorised leave. *This is a directive from the Education Department.* Approval can be obtained by writing a formal letter to the school Principal to seek authorised leave.

If your child is away from school to attend an appointment or is unwell please send them with a note the following day to explain why have been away from school.

If your child is late to school (arrive after 8:45am) they will be asked to sign in and collect an orange late pass from the office. This should be then given to the class teacher by the student.

## Importance of Going to School

- Missing school adds up. Did you know, if a child misses an average of five days a term (years 1 to 10), they miss out on approximately one year of school.
- School enables children to build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year.
- Being absent from school students can miss out on the basic skills and may experience difficulties later with their learning.
- School helps children build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organisation and social skills.
- Going to school is a legal requirement and there are fines of up to \$1000.

## Support and help for Families

If your child is reluctant or refuses to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, there is support and help available. Speak to the classroom teacher or the school attendance co-ordinator to discuss strategies.

Regular attendance at school is important for a student to learn. At Success Primary School we believe that consistent attendance and participation at school are essential factors in achieving social and academic learning outcomes.

**It is important that we work together to resolve any issues.**



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