



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**every
student**



**on
time**



**every
day**



**ACADEMIC
SUCCESS**

Parent/carer responsibilities



- ensure your child goes to school on time, every day
- provide a satisfactory reason for any absences, lateness or early departures
- work with the school if any attendance problems arise

Student responsibilities



- attend classes on time every day, and be ready to learn
- never leave the school without permission
- report to the office if late or leaving early

School responsibilities



- let parents/carers know about any unexplained absences
- ask parents/carers to give reasons for unexplained absences
- support students and families if there are any problems with attendance

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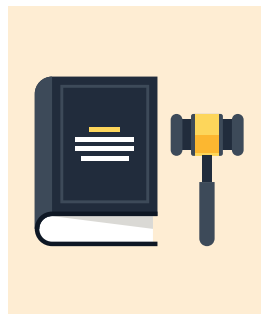


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Legal responsibilities about attendance

Children who are of compulsory school age are legally required to attend school every school day unless there is an acceptable excuse. A child continues to be of compulsory school age until they have completed Year 10 or turned sixteen, whichever comes first.

After the compulsory school age ends the compulsory participation phase begins. The same legal requirements apply. A young person's compulsory participation phase continues from the end of the compulsory schooling stage, until they turn 17 years of age, or until they gain a Qld Certificate of Education (QCE), a Certificate of Achievement, Senior Statement, Certificate III or Certificate IV.



Explaining absences

From time to time absences from school may be necessary - for eg sickness, accidents, or family emergencies. Parents/carers should let the school know the reason for the absence as soon as possible, either before or on the day of absence.

When is it not okay to miss school?

It is not okay to miss school to sleep in, finish assignments, go on holidays or shop. **It is a legal requirement to attend school.**



1 DAY
OFF SCHOOL
EACH FORTNIGHT



1 YEAR
OF LEARNING OVER
12 SCHOOL YEARS



15 MINS
LATE PER DAY



8 DAYS
ABSENT IN
A SCHOOL YEAR



Who can help?

Support is here for you. Let's solve the problem together. Speak up to someone at school.

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