

Every Day Counts

Frequent absence from school has an impact on a student's learning. Students can miss important learning and assessment during the year.

As the enrolling parent of a child of compulsory school age, you have a legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school on every school day.

A **low level** of school attendance is associated with:

- poor academic achievements;**
- early school leaving;**
- leaving school with fewer qualifications;**
- subsequent unemployment; and**
- a lower level of health / life expectancy.**

Absences affect the chances your child has of being successful as an adult. One or two days absent a week in primary school doesn't seem much but...

Missing...	Equals ...	Which is ...	Over 13 years of schooling your child is missing...	If this happens your child may <u>only</u> reach ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of schooling	Year 11 standard
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of schooling	Year 10 standard
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years of schooling	Year 7 standard
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of schooling	Year 4 standard

Being late for school every day also impacts on learning

- 30 minutes late each day = 2 ½ hours each week = missing half a day of school and learning each week.
- Missing ½ day of learning each week = missing 4 weeks of learning per year.
- Missing 4 weeks each year = missing ½ a year of schooling over 13 years.

Please think carefully before letting your child stay at home

Please contact me if you wish to discuss how we can assist you to ensure your child is at school every day.