

Ashdale
Secondary College



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please find enclosed an information brochure relating to the attendance of your child/ren at the Ashdale Cluster Schools. As a group of Principals, we are particularly concerned about the number of students who take extended holidays during school time which does impact on student learning.

All children who are enrolled in an educational setting are expected to attend on a regular basis. As a parent or carer it is your responsibility to support the development of regular patterns of school attendance for your child. This can be achieved by making sure your child attends school on all school days and is on time.

To ensure your child's potential is being maximised at school it is important that you:

1. Provide the school with an explanation if your child is away
2. Contact the school if you are having difficulty getting your child to school
3. Where possible arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
4. Arrange personal shopping trips with your child or birthday celebrations out of school hours
5. Arrange Local, Interstate and International trips during school holidays
6. Do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons

Regular attendance is important because it ensures that learning is not disrupted and regular learning enhances the building blocks for the future. Research has also proven that regular attendance helps students develop social skills, teamwork skills, communication skills and a healthy self esteem. With regular attendance teachers can better understand your child's individual educational needs and create programmes to address any learning difficulties.

By working in partnership to maintain a high level of attendance, student achievement will be maximised. This is supportive of the cluster's ethos of 'Every school day counts...'. Our ethos can only be achieved if students are at school advancing their education during the course of a full school year.

Yours sincerely,

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