



STUART HIGH SCHOOL

(Years 8 – 10)

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ATTENDANCE

Why children and students need to maximise their attendance at preschool and school:

- To gain the most benefit from their education.
- Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs.
- Non-attendance and irregular attendance is often an early indicator of the potential for children and young people to disengage from their educational program.
- It is compulsory for any child to be enrolled in a school and attend full-time every day between the ages of 6 and 16 years.
- Since 2009, all young people between the ages of 16 and 17 are required to participate in a full-time approved learning program.

Being away from school or being late adds up from reception to year 10 - look at the statistics:

- 5 days away a term adds up to more than one year missed; that is 220 days.
- 1 day a week adds up to 2 years and 1 term; or 451 days.
- Half an hour late a day equals 1 year and 5 weeks away from school.

Preschools and schools use a range of strategies to support children and students to attend school. They include:

- Providing a relevant and dynamic learning program.
- Recording attendance and absences.
- Following up any non-attendance with families.
- Working with families and government agencies to support the children and students to attend regularly.
- Referring all students with unsatisfactory attendance and who are under the age of compulsion, to the regional Student Attendance Counsellor.

Some ideas for families to ensure their children attend preschool and school regularly:

- Regular routines – going to sleep at a reasonable time will help them wake up in time for school.
- Eat breakfast – healthy eating patterns increases concentration and capacity to learn.
- If your child is a reluctant to attend school or preschool, seek help from the staff.
- Be involved in your child's education by helping out and attending events and meetings.

School Aim:

We will work together in a safe, caring and enjoyable environment to achieve successful educational outcomes for ALL students.



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