



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



every  
student



on  
time



every  
day



ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS



Any absence effects a student's education



Regular patterns of absence seriously affect learning



Catching up on missed work is difficult and at times impossible



The best place for a student to be is in the classroom with a teacher who can support their learning.

Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to send their child to school and can be prosecuted if they fail to do so.



## Why does attendance matter so much?



**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.



### What is considered problem absenteeism?

- when a student is absent three or more consecutive school days without an acceptable excuse
- when a student demonstrates a pattern of problematic absenteeism as reasonably determined by the principal
- when a student's overall attendance falls below 85% in any given school term.

See you in school – it matters!



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