DID YOU KNOW?

Missing one day of school a week from reception to year 10 adds up to missing 2 years and 1 term of school.

There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

Being absent 5 days per term from reception until year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

Being half an hour late to school each day from reception to year 10 equals missing 1 year and 1/2 a term of school.

Attendance and punctuality patterns continue into secondary school and work.

School provides an environment for play activities that help improve social/emotional, physical and cognitive development.

Attendance data is collected and monitored at various levels across the Department for Education and Child Development.

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Rational
Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents and guardians are legally responsible for ensuring the regular school attendance of their children between the ages of 6 and 17 years. If a child enrolls at 5 years, they are also required to attend.

Parent’s responsibilities
School hours are 8:50am – 3:10pm
Children must attend school on time everyday. Unless:

- The child is sick, has an infectious illness or an injury that inhibits movement around the school (a doctors certificate may be required)
- A child is accompanying their parents/caregivers on a holiday that can not be arranged during school holidays. This needs to be pre-arranged with the Principal so the child can be legally exempt during the time of absence
- The Principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason (culturally significant events)
- If your child refuses to attend school, you should contact the school immediately.

Attendance follow-up
Processes
If a student is absent for 1 day
Parent must notify school by phone or in person or send a note the next school day. The school’s attendance data record system will automatically send parents/caregivers a text message if they are not present for the morning roll call. Class teachers will follow up unexplained absences within 3 days.

If a student is absent for 3 consecutive days
If the class teacher’s attempts to contact parents/caregivers has been unsuccessful, teacher to notify school leadership.