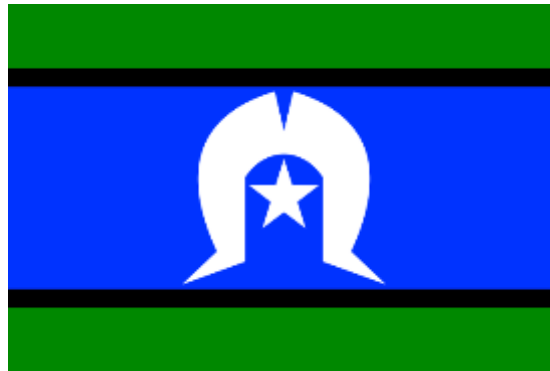


# Attendance Matters



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today. I would like to pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.*



# MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 



**OK** reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disasters



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

# EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference



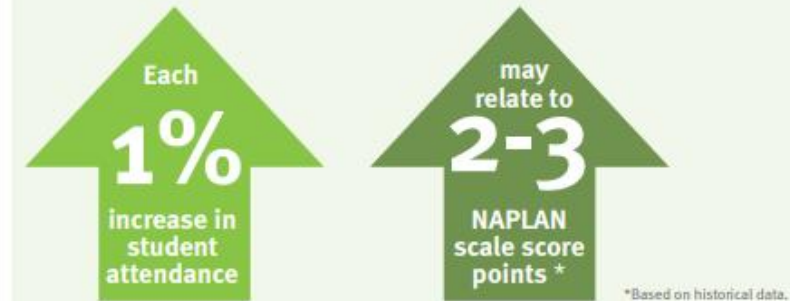
Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep



It's where good habits begin

# ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



## What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

# Children do better when they attend school all day, everyday

- They learn better
- They build stronger relationships with peers and school staff
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future



# Does Attendance Really Matter?

*1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much but...*

If your child misses	The equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Almost <b>1.5 years</b>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <b>2.5 years</b>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <b>5 years</b>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Almost <b>8 years</b>

*...it adds up.*

# TOP ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Tell your child why school is important.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Ask your child how they feel about school.
- Prepare for school the night before. E.g. make lunch, pack a school bag, lay out your child's school uniform.
- Reward good behaviour. For example, plan a fun weekend activity if your child attends school for the week.
- Make sure you are a good role model. For example, make sure you attend your own appointments and work.
- We want to work in partnership with you – act early if you have any concerns by contacting us and asking for advice and support.
- Remember that every day counts.
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.
- Open and prompt communication with the school about all absences is a good idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term.
- Seek help from the school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. We want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.