

## **Student Attendance**

- Lesson times are : 8.45 am - 3.05 pm
- A teacher is on duty from 8.30 am for students to begin arriving at school
- Students must leave the school grounds by 3.15 pm
- If a student is going to be away please ring the school to let them know and send a written note when the student returns
- If a student is late arriving to school please inform the teacher upon arrival
- The school will contact you if any absence of 3 or more days is unexplained or when regular absences occur
- Private tuition during school hours must be negotiated with the Principal
- Information regarding punctuality and absence will be included in reports

### **COMPULSORY ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

Under to Education Act of South Australia, parents and /or caregivers are held responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care.

All children aged between 6 and 16 years of age must be enrolled and attend school regularly.

Children under the age of six years, and not under compulsion, are required to attend school for the entire day school is open for instruction, once enrolled.

### **IS REGULAR ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?**

YES: from the first day!

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they often experience difficulties later. It has been shown that irregular attendance in the early school years can lead to poor patterns of attendance in primary and then high school.

Six days' absence per term from junior primary to end of year 7 equals one year of schooling missed.

Half an hour late each day equals five days absence per term. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

### **MUST I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?**

Yes: all children between the ages of 6 and 16 years are required by law to attend school regularly.

### **MUST I SEND MY CHILD EVERY DAY?**

Yes: unless

- The child is too sick to attend
- The child has an infectious disease like chicken pox, mumps or measles
- The child is incapacitated by injury preventing movement around school
- The child is accompanying his or her parents and/or caregivers on a family holiday, which cannot be arranged in school vacations. This should be arranged with the Principal prior to the absence
- The Principal is provided with an acceptable reason preventing the child attendance

*Wherever possible, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours.*