## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS

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Developing a habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.



## Why is going to school so important for my child?

- At school, many concepts (such as literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence.
   Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian
   Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day
   at school counts towards a student's learning.
   Students who attend more, generally do
   better at school and in life.



## Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let the teacher or the front office staff know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible.

This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days. Having information about why your child is absent from school helps us plan for their return to school and work out any additional support that may be required.

