

From the Cluster Principals...

Every School Day COUNTS



1 because school enables children to build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year.

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because children can miss out on the basic skills and may experience difficulties later with their learning.



3 because school helps build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organisation, and social skills.

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because going to school is a legal requirement and there are fines of up to \$1,000.



School attendance is a COOPERATIVE effort

The Ashdale Cluster welcomes involvement from parents/guardians, students and the wider community in accepting the responsibility for **good attendance.**

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Under Western Australian law (School Education Act 1999), parents must send their children to school unless:

- they are too unwell
- they have an infectious disease
- the Principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason

You must let the school know within three days why your child is not attending. Under the law, schools must:

- monitor the attendance of students
- follow up with parents and caregivers on student absences

What happens when your child misses school without a valid reason?

The following steps will be taken until the issue is resolved:

- your school will ask you for an explanation
- your school will meet with you to discuss ongoing issues and plan a response
- your case will be referred to North Metropolitan Education Regional Office of the Department of Education
- a school attendance panel will be set up to review the steps taken and provide advice
- in some cases, you will be fined

Frequently asked QUESTIONS?

Q: What should I do if my child is unwell?

A: Inform the school and provide a medical certificate if requested.

Q: What should I do if my child refuses to go to school?

A: Contact your school as soon as possible, and the school will arrange support and advice.

Q: What should I do if we are going on holiday during school time?

A: If essential, inform the school before leaving. You should try to arrange holidays during school holiday periods.

Q: Can I take my child out of school for social occasions?

A: You should arrange social occasions such as personal shopping trips and birthday celebrations out of school hours.

Q: Will my child be marked absent from school if he/she is doing a TAFEWA, VET or community-based program?

A: No, as long as this is part of the school program. Attendance at these programs is also monitored.

Q: Can my child attend another schools' Athletics Carnival or special day?

A: No, not unless they have been asked to attend by the school.

Q: Will the school provide work for my child while on holiday?

A: No, children who are on extended holiday will not be provided with work packages.



Ashdale Cluster

Six schools • One learning environment

A common approach and shared commitment to the learning, development and wellbeing of all K-12 students.

A pooling of expertise and resources ensuring high-quality programs and collaboration among students, staff and families.

A focus on STEM learning across the Cluster developing the capabilities required by all students for jobs of the future.



Further Information and Support

If your child is reluctant or refuses to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, there is support and help available. Talk with your school about your child's attendance or any support you may need.

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Attendance at School and the
Responsibilities of Parents

