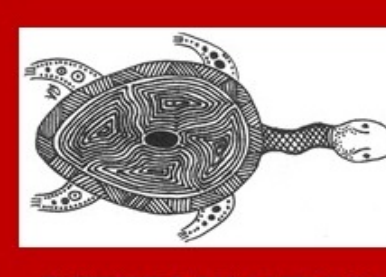


# Attendance Policy Summary



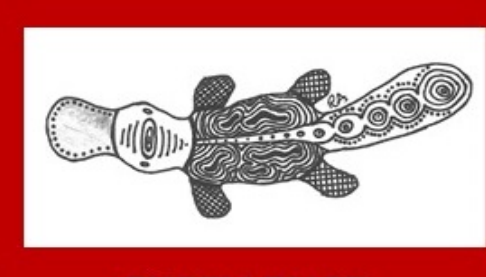
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## AT SCHOOL -ON TIME -EVERY DAY!

At Gowrie Street Primary School, we believe coming to school every day is vital because we want our children to :

- Live happy and healthy lives
- Be connected to each other and their community
- Achieve their best and experience success every day
- Realise their dreams
- Seize the opportunities that come their way
- Contribute to their community in a positive, active way

## KEY POINTS

- Students aged 6-17 **MUST** be at school every day unless they have been exempt
- Schools **MUST** record student attendance twice daily
- Parents **MUST** let school know why a student is away
- School will contact you if you have not let us know why your student is away
- If your child is **AWAY** for **5 DAYS** without a reasonable excuse, the school will contact you to have a **MEETING** to make a **PLAN** for how we can help your child be at school
- If the school **can't contact you** to have a meeting about attendance challenges, the school will refer the case to the **Department of Education Attendance Officer** and they will contact you.

## WHY WE NEED TO BE -AT SCHOOL -ON TIME -EVERYDAY

- Students who come to school **EVERY DAY** make and **KEEP** friends
- Students who come to school **EVERY DAY** make **PROGRESS** in their **LEARNING**
- Students who are **AWAY** from school a lot make low or **NO** progress
- Any time **AWAY** from school means young students **STRUGGLE** to **LEARN TO READ**
- Students who fail to learn how to read effectively by **GRADE THREE** are at a **MAJOR RISK** of **NEVER** being able to catch up
- Students who are absent become **DISCONNECTED** from their peers and are at greater **RISK** of suffering **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**
- At Gowrie St, teachers plan each day to build on the day before. Students that miss even a day are always a step **BEHIND**

## OK REASONS TO BE AWAY



**Illness/  
Medical  
Appointments  
unable to be  
made other  
times**



**Funeral,  
Sorry  
Business,  
Cultural  
Events**

## NOT OK REASONS TO BE AWAY

- **Sleeping in**
- **Shopping**
- **Birthdays**
- **Outings**
- **Sibling not at school**

If you are having challenges with getting your kids to school please give us a call or come in- we are here to help! We have lots of ways we can support your children to be at school, on time, every day!

Phone the office on (03)5821300