INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WHEN IS IT OK TO MISS SCHOOL?

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

Every Minute in School Counts

Where are you on the attendance traffic lights?
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You are in the
DANGER ZONE

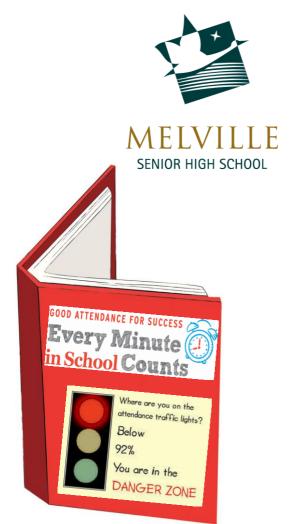## It is important for children to attend school all day, every day.

When is it OK to not go to school?

An OK reason is one that *prevents* your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable natural event such as flood waters or a cyclone
- an unavoidable medical appointment

The principal decides if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

It's NOT OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday
- is visiting family and friends
- has slept in or had a big weekend
- is looking after other children
- has sport or other recreational activities that have not been approved by the school
- has appointments such as haircuts and minor check ups

If possible, routine medical and other health appointments should be made either before or after school, or during the school holidays

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

Yes, you need to let Student Services office, the Year Coordinator or AIEO know the reason why your child is going to be, or has been, absent from school as soon as possible. Where possible, please discuss any upcoming absences in advance so we can let you know of important learning or activities your child will miss out on.
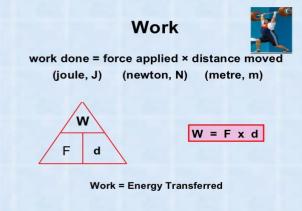
This requires a responsible person, usually a parent, to provide a reason for the absence within three school days.

Having information about why your child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

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Work

work done = force applied × distance moved

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$$W = F \times d$$

Work = Energy Transferred

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Why is going to school so important?

- 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.

- 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 regularly, generally do better at school and in life.

- Students are more likely to become anxious when they miss out on valuable information taught in class; this can snow-ball particularly when assignments and tests are due. The best way for students to be prepared is to attend classes and ask the teacher for help.

For more information please contact:

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