

ATTENDANCE

Parent & Caregiver Information

OUR COMMITMENT

At Joondalup ESC, we work together with families to ensure every student feels:

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Valued
- ✓ Supported
- ✓ Connected
- ✓ Ready to learn

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD BE AT SCHOOL?

Acceptable Reasons for Being Away



- Illness or injury
- Medical or specialist appointments
- Bereavement or family emergency

Unacceptable Reasons



- Holidays during term (without approval)
- Staying home for social/personal reasons
- Sleeping in, missed transport
- Avoiding certain activities



HOW TO LET US KNOW YOUR CHILD IS AWAY

Please notify the school as soon as possible



Compass - Enter attendance note



Phone - Call our front office



Email or written note - Teacher or office



In person - When dropping off or collecting.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If attendance becomes difficult, we can support with:



Medical Attendance Plans

For ongoing illness, medical recovery, or other medical related needs.



Attendance Re-Engagement Plans

For anxiety, avoidance, or school disconnection.



Reintroduction to School Plans

After long absences or major changes

You are never alone, talk to us early.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Everyday Counts - Every Student Counts

FAMILY TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Home Routines

- Set consistent morning and bedtime routines
- Pack lunches, uniforms, bags the night before
- Use visual schedules or checklists

Sleep Matters!

Recommended sleep

- 3-5 Yrs: 10-13 hours
 - 5-12 yrs - 10-11 hours
 - 13+ yrs 8-10 hours
- Turn off screens 1 hour before bed.

School Readiness

Simple ways to help your child have a great start to the school day.

- **Calm mornings**
Keep the morning routine relaxed, predictable, and not rushed
- **Positive, predictable drop-off**
Use the same short goodbye each day to help your child feel safe and confident.
- **Smooth transition into the classroom**
Support your child to move from home to school with clear, consistent steps.
- **Practise routines at home**
Using pictures or visual steps can make mornings easier and more successful.
- **Prepare the night before**
Pack bags, lay out clothes, and set up anything needed to reduce morning stress.

IF YOUR CHILD IS STRUGGLING

Please contact us early.
We can work together to put support in place.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance	What It Means	10-Year Impact
● Regular (90-100%)	Full learning and Social engagement	<200 days missed
● At Risk (80-89%)	Gaps in learning	~ 451 days missed
● Moderate (60-79%)	Interrupted learning	~ 676 days missed
● Severe (<60%)	Major disruption	~ 902 days missed
● Chronic	Serious long-term impact	1353+ days missed

Small absences add up!

Even 1 day a week = 2 years of school lost over time.

WE ARE PARTNERS IN ATTENDANCE

Families - School - Students - Community



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