



# ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT

At Shailer Park State High School we recognise that a high rate of attendance can lead to increased levels of achievement. This has been proven across the world in various research studies. To optimise your child's opportunity for success, it is a requirement that s/he maintains an attendance rate of at least 95%. A 95% attendance rate is equivalent to approximately ten days' absence from school per year. This is the same number of days awarded annually to teaching staff as sick leave. **At Shailer Park High, the only legitimate reason for missing school is genuine illness or bereavement.** It is therefore not appropriate for your child to be absent for any of the following reasons:

- Medical appointments: must be made outside of school hours wherever possible.
- **Family holiday** (*permission must be requested from the Principal for exemption from school for a holiday taken during the school term and for absence for more than 10 consecutive school days – even across holiday periods*).

For students to develop their resilience, relational skills, ability to reflect on their performance, and resourcefulness so that they can optimise their opportunities for success, it is vital that they are invested in and are leaders of their learning. If they are not at school, this can be difficult to achieve. Sometimes a student's ability to attend and be engaged in school can be impeded by issues impacting on his/her health, such as anxiety. The School does have support processes in place to assist students and their families in ensuring that school attendance remains a priority because we know that there are serious long-term implications, not just in terms of academic achievement, associated with ongoing absence from school. The following table provides a helpful snapshot of the cumulative effect of ongoing absence from school, even if it's for only a few minutes a day:

He/She is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Please note the following Queensland Term Dates for 2019:

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 29 January - Friday 5 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 23 April - Friday 28 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 15 July - Friday 20 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October - Friday 13 December	10 weeks

If your child is absent from school parents are required to do the following:

- Call the student absence line: 3451 2766
- Bring a medical certificate (compulsory for 3 or more consecutive days' absence)

Students who have less than 95% attendance may not be able to access other programs or activities such as:

- Dance Academy
- Futsal/Volleyball Academy
- Non-curriculum related excursions
- Senior Formal (Year 12)
- Senior Jersey (Year 12)

<b>I understand the above information relating to the Shailer Park State High School Attendance Agreement and commit to maintaining an attendance rate of at least 95% attendance</b>		
<b>Parent Name:</b>	<b>Parent Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Student Name:</b>	<b>Student Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>