

Northern Bay College Attendance Expectations

Attending school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- Important skills and knowledge to help them learn.
- Social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind!

Skip 1 day a week	Skip 2 days a week	Skip 3 days a week	Skip 4 days a week	Skip 5 days a week
				Miss 13 years of education
		Miss nearly 8 years of education	Miss over 10 years of education	
Miss over 2.5 years of education	Miss over 5 years of education			

Tips to Help Improve Your Child's Attendance

- Talk to your child about school and how important it is. You can ask them how they feel about school, what they liked and if there are any problems.
- Reward good behaviour and not bad behaviour. For example, if your child refuses to go to school, do not let them have access to their phones or the internet.
- Set a good example. Show them how you keep to your own commitments.
- Encourage your child to take on hobbies that your child enjoys such as sports and clubs. This will help them develop positive relationships outside of the classroom
- Have a set time to do homework and go to bed.
- Leave all technology out of their bedroom.
- Pack their school bag the night before with everything they need.
- Have a set time for breakfast
- Plan to meet up with a friend so they can travel to school together.



Students are expected to attend Northern Bay College from 9 to 3.10 every day of each term unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student
- the student has a dual enrolment with another school and has only a partial enrolment in Northern Bay, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrollment in Northern Bay for particular activities.

For absences where there is **no exemption** in place, a parent must provide an explanation on each occasion to the school. An example might be if your child is absent due to illness or a medical appointment.

Parents should notify Northern Bay College of absences by:

- Accessing the Family Compass Login online
- Telephoning Campus as soon as practicable
- Sending a note to campus in the diary

If a student is absent on a particular day and the school has not been notified by a parent, or the absence is otherwise unexplained, Northern Bay College will notify parents by SMS notification if the student is not present prior to 10am.