

Regular Attendance = Better Outcomes

Often students and parents do not see that regular and punctual attendance at school is important.

Attendance patterns affect students learning. Students miss out on valuable content which includes valuable information, discussion and skills development that are the pathway to success and the development of high self-esteem.

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance and partial attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism is startling.

The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling from kindergarten to the end of year 10.

DAYS ABSENT	TOTAL DAYS	NUMER OF TERMS	NUMBER OF YEARS MISSED
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 1.5 terms
2 day per week	902	18	4 years 2 terms
3 day per week	1353	27	6 years 3 terms
5 day per week	1127.5	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	8.8	2 years 1 term
Partial Absences			
1 hour late per week	75 days	1.5 terms	
0.5 hour late per day	188 days	3.75 terms	Almost a year
1 hour late per day	376 days	7.5 terms	1 year 3 terms