

# Your role in supporting attendance

Everyone has a role supporting positive school attendance.

Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Every day counts. Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life, this can equal one year of missed learning.

The information below outlines responsibilities of key stakeholders.



## I am a student

Regular attendance at school helps you to maximise your potential.

You can help by

- knowing what class activities are on which school day (for example, which day is sport or library) or having a copy of your timetable
- making sure you're ready for each school day: uniform, books, bag, lunch
- chatting with family, a friend or teacher if you have concerns about attending school, or something is making it difficult to get to school
- asking a teacher for help if school work is challenging.

## I'm a Parent/Carer

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.