

## **ROSEMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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## Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.



The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school. Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. With days missed, years are lost.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
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day per week   ⊕ ⊗ ⊕ 0 0   ⊕ 0 ⊕ ⊗ 0	<b>8</b> weeks = =	over <b>2.5</b> years missed

Students are legally required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays, or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

At Rosemeadow Public School we have many initiatives to encourage students to come to school such as weekly class attendance raffles, whole school fun days and individual certificates and rewards.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or supervisor. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day.

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow, and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hughes Rosemeadow Public School