



Frequent Absences

Did you know?

Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers to ensure your child learns what they need to.

Missing one day a week from school from Year 1 to 10 is the equivalent of missing two years and one term schooling.

Being absent five days a term from Year 1 to 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.

There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.



Frequent Lateness

Did you know?

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to 10 is the equivalent of missing more than one year of schooling.



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School Attendance

Pre-Primary to Year 6

A Guide for Families

Q & A

Do I have to send my child every day?

Yes, all students are expected to attend school unless:

- Your child is sick
- Your child has an infectious disease
- Your child has an injury
- Your child has a medical or dental appointment that could not be made out of school hours
- The Coordinator is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child's attendance

What do I do if my child is absent?

- Phone the school before 9am

OR

- Email the school before 9am at the designated absent email
absent@lanceholtschool.wa.edu.au

Make an appointment to meet with the Coordinator regarding prolonged absences of more than one week.



What is my Responsibility as a Parent?

All children enrolled in an educational setting are expected to attend on a regular basis. As a parent it is your responsibility to support the development of regular patterns of school attendance for your child. This can be achieved by making sure your child attends school on all school days and is on time every day.

It is important that you:

- Provide the school with an explanation if your child is absent.
- Contact the Coordinator if you are having difficulty getting your child to school.
- Where possible arrange doctor appointments and dentist appointments out of school hours.
- Arrange personal shopping trips with your child or birthday celebrations out of school hours.
- Do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.

Why regular attendance is important

If your child misses the basic skills in primary school they can experience difficulties with learning.

Regular attendance makes sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future.

Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork and communication skills.

Reporting Absences

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