

Absences need to be recorded in our school records which may at any time be required as legal evidence. If your child is absent for 3 days without explanation the school will contact you. If you are collecting your child early, please sign them out through the front office.

DO YOU REALISE....

- If your child misses 15 minutes of class every day, they will miss over 12 hours of learning time each term and over 50 hours each year.
- Missing 6 days per term adds up to 24 days per year which is approximately half a term per year.
- Missing 6 days per term during each of your child's primary years of schooling is equivalent to missing almost a full year of schooling.

MONITORING ATTENDANCE

At St Agnes School we monitor attendance to give each student the best possible chance of success. Part of this monitoring process involves keeping a record of student arrival and departure times.

If you bring your child to school late (after 8:50am) it is necessary to sign students in at the front office.

If attendance is a concern, we involve the support of an Attendance Counsellor whose role is to:

- work with students in a supportive counselling role
- visit students at home and consult with parents
- identify reasons for non-attendance and make appropriate referrals
- monitor student attendance and review progress as necessary



<http://www.stagnesc7.sa.edu.au>

St. Agnes School

Links to school handbook and other policies

If you have any questions, please phone the school on 08 82633541

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Attendance at St Agnes School



Attending school regularly helps students to gain maximum benefit from schooling.

Our learning begins daily at 8:50am and concludes at 3pm.

Attendance Policy

IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programs. It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age, even from the time they are enrolled in a preschool setting.

Students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations. These learners may:

- be socially isolated
- place themselves at risk of harm during times of absence
- be more likely to be involved in socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- have gaps in their knowledge and understanding of basic concepts
- feel insecure in the preschool or school environment
- be more likely to leave school early
- be over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- be the victims of bullying and harassment



EARLY INTERVENTION IS THE KEY

Once learners have begun to absent themselves from preschool or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through the student's subsequent school career. Late arrival at school through the primary years is often related to non-attendance during secondary school.

SCHOOL HOURS

At St Agnes School supervision before school in the east yard is from 8:30am until 8:50am. Our learning begins daily at 8:50am and ends at 3pm. The east yard is supervised after school from 3pm until 3:20pm.

ATTENDANCE TARGETS

At St Agnes School we are committed to implementing strategies to improve student attendance rates. In 2017, the DECD target for attendance is 95%. This is also the target for St Agnes School. We will continually work to support students and families to achieve or better this attendance rate.

Families, please

communicate

with us by:

PHONE

8263 3541 - office hours for phone messages are 8.30am to 3:30pm weekdays. An answering machine service is available for messages outside office hours.

SKOOLBAG APP

- using 'eforms', 'Absentee Form'

IN WRITING

- a note in the Student Diary or Communication Book
- send a signed and dated note/letter with a sibling/family member/friend to the front office or class teacher email: dl.1091.info@schools.sa.edu.au

IN PERSON

- provide details to the front office or to the class teacher