



Holy Trinity School Granville **UPDATE**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

In 2017, Holy Trinity will be lending our support to a campaign called 'Every Learner, Every Day', an initiative designed to all remind parents why regular school attendance is so important. As part of this campaign, a range of resources and strategies will be made available to help parents, if needed. A poster that explains simply the benefits of being at school regularly is included in this communication. I encourage you to think about the ideas suggested on the poster and to speak to your child about these messages. A dedicated website that will provide easy access to support resources will be launched soon.

I appreciate that this is not a matter that may impact on a large number of families; however, if the 'Every Learner, Every Day' campaign can assist even just a few students to be at school more regularly, with all the benefits that come with that, it is a terrific outcome.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer
Principal

every learner every day

**93% Attendance Rate
Each Week**

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE THAN

1

YEAR OF LEARNING IN

12

YEARS

DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



- BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.