



# HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I want to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students can continue to enjoy face-to-face learning while we prioritise student and staff wellbeing through our [COVID-smart measures](#).

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. One way we can help make this happen is to be sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick, have [symptoms](#) or are absent for a justified reason.

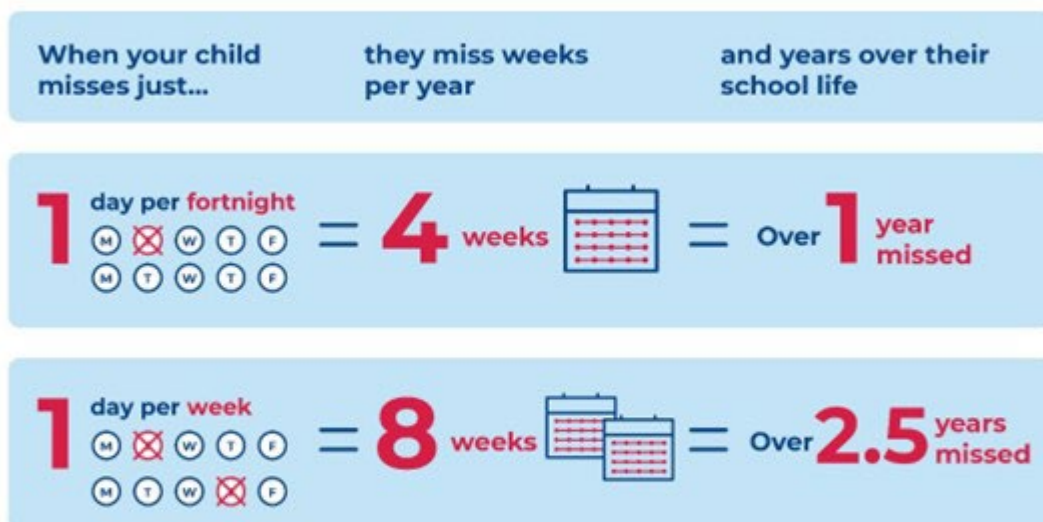
Protecting the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Notifying the school either before or on the day that your child is away helps us keep accurate student attendance records to support you and your child.

We know that school is the best place to learn and regular attendance means students can stay on top of their schoolwork and get the most out of their learning. If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half years, now is the time to prioritise face-to-face learning and making the most of every school day.

## Days missed = years lost

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



Our school strives for the expected attendance rate which is above 95% of students at school each day over the year.

If your child is unwell they will need to stay home, get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing [symptoms](#) and only return to school when symptom free.

Kind Regards

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