

BARWON HEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE POLICY

RATIONALE:

In accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years, unless an exemption has been granted. Parents/guardians must enroll a child of compulsory school age at a registered school and ensure the child attends school at all times when the school is open for instruction.

AIMS:

Regular attendance enables the school to:

- Plan an organised and comprehensive educational program
- Facilitate shared student learning experiences that support the educational program
- Monitor student progress and adjust the educational program to meet needs

IMPLEMENTATION:

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance or enrolment for the student
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

For absences where there is no exemption in place, the parent/guardian must provide an explanation on each occasion to the school.

Schools must maintain attendance records using CASES21.

Attendance expectations are to be regularly promoted throughout the school.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle

This policy was last ratified by school Council: (date)