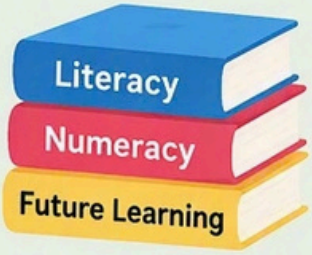
The Impact of Holidays During School Time

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.



That is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time.

Why is going to school regularly so important?



At school, many concepts (such as literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on these learning sequences - which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.



Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that attending every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students, who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.



The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

What can you do?



While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organize holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn't miss out on school.



Parents must inform the school about all planned absences in writing, with absences 2 weeks and longer to be addressed to the Principal.



Please contact your class teacher if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term. The teacher can discuss ways to continue education while you are away but they are not expected to provide extra lessons or materials.

Every Day Counts

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