

Support and help for families

If your child is reluctant or refuses to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, there is support and help available. Contact your school or the district education office (see contact information below) for information.

Talk with your School Attendance Officer or Year Coordinator for any support you may need. Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School have access to support agencies in the goldfields area who can help you and your

family.

Attendance Officer: Kerry Reid

If your child is unwell or is going to be late or absent—please inform Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School on

Ph: 08 9092 0300

If students need to leave school during the day i.e. for medical appointments, they need to be signed out at the Administration Centre and picked up by a parent/guardian.

SMS Text Messages will be sent daily to parents/guardians regarding any unexplained absence—for any class that day. Parents are to ensure the school is informed of changes to their mobile numbers.

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School Attendance: Responsibilities of Parents and Caregivers



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Its not OK... because school enables students to build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year.

Its not OK... because school helps young people build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organization and social skills.

Its not OK... because your child can miss out on the basic skills and may experience difficulties later with their learning.

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The law says that all children from Year 1 to Year 12 must attend school.

In 2010 Children turning 17 years old must also attend school until the end of the year they turn 17 (or have an approved arrangement—ring your local District Office for more assistance)

Under the law, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for making sure your child goes to school on ALL school days. You MUST NOT keep your child away from school for minor reasons.

Its not OK to be soft on school attendance, because we want all children to be their best.



What the law says

Under Western Australia law (School Education Act 1999), parents must send their children to school unless:

- They are too unwell
- They have an infectious disease
- The School is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason.

You must let the school know within three days why your child is not attending.

Under the law, schools must:

- Monitor attendance of students
- Follow up with parents and caregivers on student absences.

What happens when your child misses school without a valid reason?

The following steps will be taken until the issue is resolved:

- The school will ask you for an explanation
- The school will meet with you to discuss ongoing issues and plan a response.
- A School Attendance interview meeting will be set up to review the steps taken and provide advice.
- Your case may be referred to the Goldfields District Education Office.
- In some cases, if it is ongoing, you may be prosecuted.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What should I do if my child is unwell?

A: Inform the school and provide a medical certificate if requested.

Q: What should I do if my child refuses to go to school?

A: Contact KBCHS as soon as possible and the school will arrange support and advice.

Q: What should I do if we are going on holiday during school time?

A: Inform the school but you should try to arrange holidays during school holiday periods.

Q: Can I take my child out of school for social occasions?

A: You should arrange social occasion such as personal shopping trips and birthday celebrations outside of school hours.

Q: Will my child be marked absent from school if he/she is doing a TAFEWA, VET or community based program?

A: No, as long as it is part of the school program. Attendance at these programs is also monitored.

