

Attendance Information

Every school day counts at Dominic College!

From time to time, families seek approval for holidays during term time. As per our Attendance Policy, the College does not support this practice as we believe that every school day counts to ensuring sound academic progress. Taking holidays during term time can significantly impact student progress and achievement in a school year making it hard to fill in the gaps upon their return. The table below summarises some of the impacts that can occur when students are away from school:



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| Attendance Above 98% | This is excellent attendance - gives a student the best chance to learn. Enables best opportunities to develop strong friendships. |
| Attendance is 95-97% | This is good attendance - provides a good chance to learn and continue studies. Provides opportunities to develop strong friendships. |
| Attendance is 90-94% | Students have missed a number of days making it difficult for them to achieve their best. It can be difficult to maintain steady friendships. |
| Attendance is 85-89% | Students have missed a number of days making it difficult for them to keep up. It can be difficult to maintain steady friendships. |
| Attendance is below 85% | Students have missed a large number of days and will struggle to keep up, will struggle to achieve. It will be difficult to maintain friendships. |

APPLYING FOR LEAVE

The process for applying for leave for interstate competitions or extraordinary circumstances must be made to the Deputy Principal. A form can be obtained from the K-6 and 7-10 Student Service Offices and needs to be submitted well in advance. Once received, a letter will be posted home to inform you of the decision of the application.

OUR LEGAL OBLIGATION

All schools have a legal responsibility to maintain accurate records of student attendance. **Any applications that are made for taking holidays during term time will be acknowledged by letter, but will not be approved. The College does not consider taking a holiday during term to be a legitimate explanation of absence from school as student progress cannot be assessed as accurately as possible.** We strongly encourage families to plan any holidays to take place during the scheduled term breaks.

>95%
ATTENDANCE
IS REGARDED AS THE
MINIMUM
★ ACCEPTABLE LEVEL ★

