

COMPULSORY ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents/caregivers are held responsible for regular school attendance of all children in their care.

All children between the ages of 5 and 16 are required to enrol and attend school regularly.

Students 16-17 years of age need to be studying, training or in suitable employment.

In line with the Department policy, K.M.S. strives to reach a **95%** attendance rate for every child.

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

Missing 1 or 2 days a week may not seem like much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling....
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want to be successful at school, attendance does matter.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!!

KADINA MEMORIAL SCHOOL

- ◆ School day: 8.45 till 3.10pm
- ◆ Students are supervised in the yard from 8.30am.
- ◆ Bus departs from the school at 3.15pm.
- ◆ If a student is late arriving to school, they must report to the Front Office to sign in before moving to their class.
- ◆ The school will contact you if any absence or lateness is unexplained or when regular absences occur.
- ◆ If a student is going to be absent, please contact the school via:

- Phone 88210 100
- Text 0437 010 328
- Email dl.0778.frontoffice@schools.sa.edu.au
- write and sign a note in your child/ren's diary and ask them to show their teacher
- Logging into Daymap Parent Portal by visiting: <https://portal.kms.sa.edu.au/DayMapConnect>

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**INFORMATION
 FOR PARENTS**

Is regular attendance important?

YES - from the very first day!

If children and students miss learning the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.

It has been shown that irregular attendance in the early school years can lead to poor patterns of attendance in primary and secondary years.

Do I have to send my child to school?

YES - all children who are enrolled are expected to attend on a regular basis.

Do I have to send my child every day?

YES - unless:

- The child is too sick to leave the house.
- The child has an infectious disease such as chicken pox, mumps or measles.

- The child has an injury preventing movement around the school.
- The child is going with his/her parents / caregivers on a family holiday that cannot be arranged during the holidays. This is organised with the Principal prior to the absence through an application for school exemption. Exemption forms are available from the front office or on our website.
- The Principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child's attendance.

Must I notify the school if my child has been away?

YES - on your child's return, a note must be supplied to cover the days missed. You are also encouraged to contact the school beforehand to advise that your child will be absent.

**Wherever possible
medical/dental
appointments should be made
out of school hours**

Should I notify the school if my child refuses to go to school?

YES - you should contact the school and speak to the Heads of School, or one of the Student Wellbeing Leaders immediately.

KADINA MEMORIAL SCHOOL CONTACTS

TEAM NAME	YEAR LEVEL	HEAD OF SCHOOL	STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER
EARLY & PRIMARY YEARS	R-6	Debbie Terrett	Zelly Ritter
MIDDLE SCHOOL	YR 7-9	Tarryn Germein	Robyn Paterson
SENIOR SCHOOL	YR10-12	Verity Williams	Karm Kleinig

What assistance is available?

Student Attendance Counsellors are members of professional teams providing a supportive service to students parents / caregivers and school staff. They aim to assist with the full participation of all students in education.

What is the role of the Student Attendance Counsellor?

Student Attendance Counsellors may assist by:

- Working with students in a supportive counselling role
- Visiting students at home and consulting with parents/caregivers
- Identifying reasons from student non-attendance and making appropriate referrals
- Monitoring student attendance and reviewing progress as necessary