

## Regular Attendance = Better Learning

Often students and parents do not see that regular and punctual attendance at school is important. Nothing could be further from the truth. Besides missing out on valuable content – students miss out on information, discussion and skill development that is the pathway to success and the development of high self-esteem. The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance and partial attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism is startling.

The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of schooling from Kindergarten to the end of Year 10.

<b>Days Absent</b>	<b>Total Days</b>	<b>Number of Terms</b>	<b>Number of Years missed</b>
1 day per week	451	9	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 years 1.5 terms
2 days per week	902	18	4 years 2 terms
3 days per week	1353	27	6 years 3 terms
5 weeks per term	1127.5	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	8.8	2 years 1 term
<b>Partial absences</b>			
1 hour late per week	75 days	1.5 terms	
½ hour later per day	188 days	3.75 terms	Almost 1 year
1 hour late per day	376 days	7.5 terms	1 year 3 terms