

Self Imposed School Absence: Guidelines

Statement:

At times during the school term, parents may decide to temporarily withdraw their child from school. These temporary withdrawals may be for a variety of reasons, and may include family holidays or illness prevention measures. Often, the decision to temporarily withdraw a child is made in the best interests of the child, family and school. It must be noted however, that this decision should consider all the relevant information and not be made lightly, as there can be impacts on student learning due to extended absences. Furthermore, it is important that during times of temporary withdrawal, parents are aware of the implications on student learning as well as the expectations on teachers to set work for the student.

Implementation Issues:

- If a parent decides to temporarily withdraw a student from school, they must inform the school office.
- The absence is noted on the child's attendance register.
- It is at the parent's discretion to request work for their child during a time of self-imposed absence. The expectation is that any work requested is completed.
- Parents will understand that the request for work at home is an additional request on their child's teacher.
- Any work set by the teacher will aim to reinforce previously covered content and by design, will not offer the same level of quality learning that is planned and enacted at school.
- Parents will be informed that if school work is requested during this absence, it will consist of;
 - Completion of the regular class homework sheet and corresponding activities.
 - Reading books from the home library or the school eBook library, (via Overdrive).
 - Access to a variety of online learning platforms, using their school credentials. These online learning platforms are listed below;
 - Maths Online (Prep-Yr 6)
 - Reading Eggs (Prep-1)
 - Overdrive eBook library (Prep – Yr6)
 - Sunshine Online (Prep – Yr3)
 - Typing tournament (Prep – Yr6)
 - Soundwaves (Prep – Yr 6)
 - Understanding Faith (Prep – Yr 6)
 - Other work set at the discretion of the teacher.