

# Attendance Matters at Cootamundra High!



Data strongly supports the understanding that students will **achieve their educational best** and **increase their career and life options** through **regular attendance** at school.

- In NSW, **all children** from the age of 6 are legally required to attend school or be registered for [home schooling](#).
- All students **must complete Year 10**, or its equivalent. Young people below the age of 17 **must** be:
  - in school, or registered for home schooling
  - in approved education or training, such as a traineeship, apprenticeship or TAFE
  - in full-time paid employment (average 25 hours a week)
  - in a combination of work, education and/or training.
- Students 17 years and over who are enrolled in school are **required to attend school regularly** to **meet HSC course requirements**.
- Parents **must explain** all absences to the school **within 7 days**.

At Cootamundra High School parents of absent students are **automatically sent a text message** informing them that an absence has been recorded.

We request that parents **explain the absence** to the school as soon as possible, within 7 days, by phone, written note, in person, or via the Sentral Parent Portal or Skoolbag app.

For more information about compulsory school attendance, visit:

- [School Attendance Policy](#)
- [Wellbeing and learning – compulsory school attendance](#).