

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

THE IMPACT OF HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS



AVELEY
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

That is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school terms.



Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts such as literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learnt he important life skills of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

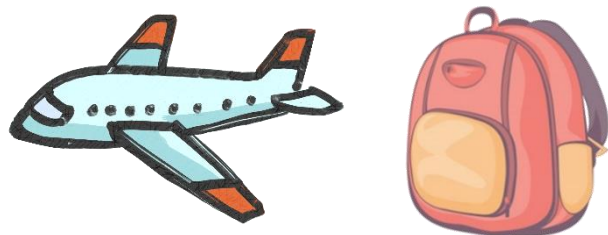
Students that attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an Unauthorised Vacation.

What can you do?

While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn't miss school.

Please contact the relevant Deputy Principal if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term to discuss implications.



For more information, please contact the middle or senior school
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