Attendance Policy

In Queensland, the law requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at school and attend school for the educational program on every school day (Education General Provisions Act 2006 s176) this is unless the parent/carer has a reasonable excuse.

Compulsory school age starts when a child is at least 4 years old turning 5 years old. Compulsory school age finishes when the child turns 16 years of age or completes year 10, whichever is the sooner.

It is the firm belief of Goodna State School that ‘attendance matters’. If, for any reasonable excuse, a child cannot attend school on any given day, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to inform the school

This can be done by suing the Absence Phone Line 3437 9350 and leaving a message or by informing the school through the use of a note or letter.

It is also the responsibility of Parents/carers to ensure that their child or children arrive at school on time and are ready to learn. School begins at 8.50am and ends at 2.50pm each school day. “Ready to learn” means being clean and tidy, in full school uniform and with the necessary equipment and/or resources to get through the day successfully.

Goodna State School has an Attendance Task Force that monitors attendance on a weekly basis. Individual classroom teachers are required by law to mark the Class Roll. It is the duty of the individual classroom teacher to inform Administration by email of any child with three consecutive days of unexplained absence. This will then be followed up by the Task force by making contact with parents/carers. Where necessary, Form Letters will be sent to parents seeking reasons for absence.

Parents/carers can be prosecuted for continued non-attendance by children from school.