

## Frequently asked questions

### Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away?

Yes – Let the school know if your child is sick or can't come to school for any other reason.

### Can my child stay away from school to do family things?

No – You should arrange things like camping and fishing and visits to family and friends after school or on weekends.

### Does the occasional day away from school really affect my child's education?

Yes – Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

### What should I do if my child won't go to school?

Let the school or your Attendance Officer know as soon as possible.

## If you need help

Talk to your school.

Visit the Department of Education, Training and Employment's website:

[www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts)

## Every day counts

Going to school – information for mums and dads, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters





## Every day counts

**Every day counts...** because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day

**Every day counts...** because going to school means getting a better chance at life

**Every day counts...** because school helps children make friends and be happier

**Every day counts...** because the law says children must go to school

## What the law says

You must make sure your children go to school on all school days unless you have a reasonable excuse.

You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons.

Schools must check to see that children are coming to school.

Schools must let you know if your child is not coming to school.

## What the school will do

- Mark rolls at school to see who is there
- Let you know if your child is not at school
- Ask you why your child isn't at school
- Teach them every day
- Help you to get your child to go to school

### Support for families

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school or Attendance Officer straight away.