

Springfield

Definitions

Compulsory school age A child is considered to be of compulsory school age from 6 years and 6 months until they turn 16, or they complete Year 10 (whichever comes first).

Policy Statement

Students of compulsory school age resident in Queensland are required to attend school on every school day for the educational program in which they are enrolled, unless they are registered to receive home education, are excluded from attending school or for whom an arrangement has been made for the child to become an apprentice or trainee under the VETE Act (s204).

Thus all students at St Peters Lutheran College must be in attendance at school for the entire school term as set out in the College Calendar, unless participating in an activity approved by the Deputy Principal or Head of Primary School (including but not limited to work experience, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, sporting events). Where special circumstances exist an exception may be sought. This will be at the discretion of the Principal. Refer to the Special Consideration Policy for more information.

Students are required to be in attendance by the specified start time each day and to attend assemblies, lessons, Ironbark (Year 9 students only) and Chapel as timetabled. Parents are requested to note that students should not be at College at times when there is inadequate or no supervision. Refer to the Springfield Parent Handbook for specific information regarding start and finish times.

Planned absences must be notified to the Principal in writing prior to the student's absence.

The College recognises the importance of a robust process to account for the presence of students at the College, whilst on College excursions and at College events where student attendance is required. Various methods for recording daily attendance and variations to normal procedures are detailed in the online Student Guidelines.

During school hours no student may leave the school grounds without permission.

St Peters understands extended leave may be required in some circumstances. Further information regarding applications for leave extensions are outlined in the Student Attendance Procedure.