



STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF NON-ATTENDANCE

Attendance

The average daily student attendance rate for 2016 was 95.61%. This is slightly higher than the attendance rate reported for 2015 of 95.45%. The attendance rates shown below for Years 1 to 10 are the rates reported in the School Student Attendance Report (STATS) for 2016 to the Australian Government Department of Education. Rates calculated for Kindergarten, Years 11 and 12 (below) and the school as a whole (above) have been calculated separately. Students granted special extended leave by the Headmaster were not included in this calculation, although absences incurred because of family holidays were included.

The average attendance rate for 2016 for each grade is shown in the following two tables:

Primary Cohorts

| Academic Year | Kindergarten | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance Percentage | 97.02% | 96.02% | 94.43% | 95.45% | 95.64% | 96.39% | 96.20% |

Secondary Cohorts

| Academic Year | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attendance Percentage | 96.94% | 96.49% | 95.09% | 93.09% | 93.01% | 96.14% |

Daily attendance, along with lateness and other partial absences, is monitored carefully by the Heads of School, as poor attendance and lateness have the potential to impact negatively on academic progress. Students are also encouraged to be punctual as it reflects a positive attitude to learning. Where a student does not provide explanation from parent or guardian explaining their absence following their return to school, a reminder to parents is emailed. If an explanation is still not forthcoming with seven days a further letter is emailed to parents.

RETENTION OF YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12

Retention rates have been calculated for previous cohorts and the 2013 cohort as shown in this table:

The following table shows apparent retention rates (based on total enrolments) and actual retention rates (based on students enrolled in Year 10 who remained in Year 12).

| Years compared | Year 10 total enrolment on census date | Year 12 total enrolment on census date | Year 10 enrolment at census date remaining in Year 12 on census date | Apparent retention rate | Actual retention rate |
|----------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2002/2004 | 114 | 77 | 72 | 68% | 63% |
| 2003/2005 | 98 | 68 | 65 | 69% | 68% |
| 2004/2006 | 114 | 83 | 77 | 73% | 68% |
| 2005/2007 | 117 | 84 | 78 | 72% | 66% |
| 2006/2008 | 95 | 62 | 61 | 65% | 64% |
| 2007/2009 | 107 | 79 | 77 | 74% | 72% |
| 2008/2010 | 95 | 70 | 64 | 74% | 67% |
| 2009/2011 | 98 | 92 | 85 | 94% | 87% |
| 2010/2012 | 101 | 86 | 85 | 85% | 84% |
| 2011/2013 | 87 | 76 | 71 | 87% | 82% |
| 2012/2014 | 94 | 82 | 78 | 89% | 83% |
| 2013/2015 | 79 | 81 | 75 | 93% | 86% |
| 2014/2016 | 69 | 60 | 57 | 87% | 83% |

The apparent and actual retention rates for Cohort 2016, although slightly lower than the previous year, are in line with the rates for previous cohorts, all of which are significantly higher than the rates recorded in the years up to Cohort 2010. This can be attributed to an increased offering of subject choices for Years 11 and 12, which coincided with government regulations increasing the school leaving age. Also we believe that the higher retention rates during the last 6 years can be attributed to the schools continued academic success in the HSC.