# STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF NON-ATTENDANCE

## Attendance

The attendance of students in 2021 was impacted by COVID-19 and sickness as parents navigated students' return to school and the easing of Public Health orders.

The average daily student attendance rate for 2021 was 94.52%. This is slightly lower than the attendance rate reported for 2020 of 95.83%. The attendance rates shown below for Years 1 to 10 are the rates reported in the School Student Attendance Report (STATS) for 2021 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 2021 for each grade is shown in the following two tables:

| Academic<br>Year         | Kindergarten | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance<br>Percentage | 97.92%       | 95.17% | 95.49% | 95.11% | 95.70% | 94.99% | 94.28% |

#### **Primary Cohorts**

## **Secondary Cohorts**

| Academic<br>Year         | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Attendance<br>Percentage | 96.13% | 93.95% | 94.62% | 94.09%  | 88.18%  | 93.17%  |

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, reflecting a positive attitude to learning. A reminder to parents is emailed when a student does not provide an explanation from the parent or guardian explaining their absence following their return to school. If an explanation is still not forthcoming within seven days a further letter is emailed to parents.

### **RETENTION OF YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12**

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<br>compared | Year 10 total<br>enrolment on<br>census date | Year 12 total<br>enrolment on<br>census date | Year 10<br>enrolment at<br>census date<br>remaining in<br>Year 12 on<br>census date | Apparent<br>retention rate | Actual retention rate |
|-------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2012/2014         | 94   | 82   | 78  | 89%                        | 83%                   |
| 2013/2015         | 79   | 81   | 75  | 93%                        | 86%                   |
| 2014/2016         | 69   | 60   | 57  | 87%                        | 83%                   |
| 2015/2017         | 78   | 73   | 67  | 94%                        | 86%                   |
| 2016/2018         | 100  | 102  | 90  | 100%                       | 90%                   |
| 2017/2019         | 77   | 62   | 56  | 81%                        | 73%                   |
| 2018/2020         | 86   | 84   | 81  | 97%                        | 96%                   |
| 2019/2021         | 104  | 99   | 95  | 95%                        | 91%                   |