

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

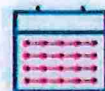
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

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4 weeks



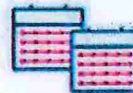
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

What counts as regular attendance?

Understanding regular attendance levels is a useful gauge for how ākonga are participating in learning. It helps schools and the Ministry of Education direct resources and support to where they are most needed.

Regular attendance = attending more than 90% of the time or being in school 9 days a fortnight.

It becomes a more serious problem when our tamariki don't attend regularly:

1. *Irregularly attend* = more than 80% and up to 90% of the time, or being in school 8-9 days a fortnight
2. *Moderately attend* = more than 70% and up to 80% of the time, or being in school 7 or 8 days a fortnight
3. *Chronically attend* = 70% and less of the time, or being in school 7 days or less a fortnight.