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Dear parents & guardians,

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school **each and every day**.

Missing school can have a major impact on your child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. Doing this each year means that by Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

At Senior College absence is magnified – every day missed makes it harder to achieve success. A Year 12 student regularly absent has little hope of achieving success at the most important year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. At Tarneit Senior College we have a 90% minimum attendance rate for all students – 90% should be the minimum.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Contact the college to find out your child's attendance rates or check your space on our parent portal to find out this information. Your child's attendance rate is also published for each subject on our 3-weekly reports
- Speak with your child's year level coordinator and teachers to find out what work your child needs to do to keep up
- Get your child back to school as quickly as possible
- Your child's House Leader will contact you directly if your child's attendance level is too low

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with us as early as possible.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let the college know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

All of us at Tarneit Senior College will work together with parents to ensure our students, your children, are fully supported by all of us to be at school every day.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Fawcett
Principal