



# ATTENDANCE POLICY

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*Section 23 of The School Education Act 1999* requires compulsory aged students to attend school, or participate in an educational program of a school, on the days on which the school is open for instruction.

Purnululu Aboriginal Independent Community School (PAICS) therefore has a policy that all compulsory aged students in the community are required to attend PAICS every day the school is open.

Students are expected to arrive at school on time and remain at school for the entirety of the school day.

There is an expectation at PAICS that absence from school will be explained to the school by parents/carers. This is generally the case, however :

If there is an unexplained absence from PAICS the school makes every effort to contact parents/carers to receive an explanation. A note is placed on the student's file with details of the school's efforts to have the absence explained.

The School's policy also aims to improve school attendance by rewarding students whose attendance is exemplary.

For example on a weekly basis there is always a "student of the week" and term prizes are given to the school's best attenders in the different phases of schooling.

PAICS constantly aims to improve student attendance by involving the entire community in school-based activities designed to increase awareness amongst parents/carers of the importance and benefits of consistent school attendance.