

## Unexplained Student Absences

Student attendance is a high priority at Mount Carmel College and we know that students who attend school regularly are more likely to be successful in their studies.

To enhance our attendance procedures, parents/caregivers are notified of any unexplained student absence by text messages through the mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS).

SMS text messages are automatically sent to your mobile phone explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school.

As is our current policy, we expect parents/caregivers to contact the College in advance if they know their child is to be absent. If your child is absent and a reason has been provided, then you will not receive an SMS.

### **The SMS mobile phone number is 0438 368 846.**

This is an automated mobile text service that advises the College and parents/caregivers that a student is late or absent.

This SMS number can also be used by parents/caregivers when notifying the College of a student's absence/lateness. When a student is late or absent, it is the parent's/caregiver's responsibility to notify the College before 9am.

The best way is to text student name, class, reason for lateness/absenteeism and the date to 0438 368 846.

Mobile phone messaging represents a significant step forward for the College in terms of how we communicate to parents/caregivers to address absences and deliver important announcements and reminders.

To ensure that the mobile phone SMS system continues to provide timely communication between yourself and the College, it is important that you keep the College informed of any changes to your contact details.