

# Keeping kids in school

## Message to Parents

One of the biggest obstacles facing students is the temptation to take a day off without permission. This is truancy.

As our children's education is vital to their future and the future of our community, in a bid to encourage students to gain a better start in their life 'Keeping Kids In School' was implemented in 2008.

Under this program **your child can be refused service** by local businesses displaying a sign, similar in look to this handout, in their shop front or entrance. These businesses have the right to refuse to serve school-aged students who are not at school during normal school hours if they do not have a valid leave pass.

Schools will be contacted immediately by shop owners if students who are absent from school without an appropriate leave pass are found in their premises.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their children and ensure they understand what this information means.



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## Message to Students

Our community is working together in a bid to encourage students to gain a -better start in life by attending school every day.

To help ensure you gain the benefit of a good education by staying at school, local businesses will **refuse to serve you during school hours** and contact your school to report your unauthorised absence.

However, if you have a legitimate reason for not attending school and you wish to go to the shops during school hours you will need a valid leave pass for the day.

Please understand that the local shops are not a place you can spend your day if you decide you won't be attending school without a good reason. Remember, you will not be served

