

# Keeping kids in school

**NO SERVICE TO COMPULSORY AGE STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

## **INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS**

The 'Keeping Kids in School' programme is a coordinated approach to increase participation in school and reduce truancy involving the entire community working together to address the issue. This strategy is coupled with a proactive stance from student services where student attendance issues are managed through the implementation of strategies ranging from individual case-management through to whole-school pastoral approaches.

### **What is the 'Keeping Kids in School' programme?**

The programme is a community effort with commitment from the:

- Department of Education
- WA Police
- and local businesses – also endorsed by ACCI

Through the programme we hope to improve school attendance and promote socially responsible behaviour in the community.

### **What is the aim of the 'Keeping Kids in School' programme?**

The programme aims to send a common message to the community that students of compulsory school age need to be at school and not at the shops during school time.

The programme encourages shop owners to promote a clear message to compulsory age students that they are more than welcome outside of school hours but they will not be served during school hours.



### **What role does the school play in the 'Keeping Kids in School' programme?**

Schools will supply students with leave passes.

Schools will also inform ADEO of pupil free days, sporting carnivals, exam breaks and any event which may give rise to non-attendance of students at school on a particular day. This information will be relayed to businesses via email.

### **Leave passes**

Leave passes are designed to assist schools in monitoring unsupervised students who are absent from school by distinguishing between authorised (explained) and unauthorised (unexplained) absences. They also provide an opportunity for students participating in excursions but who are not under the direct supervision of a teacher, to demonstrate they have appropriate permission to be participating in an educational activity away from the school. The design of the standardised leave pass assists School Attendance Officers, Police and local businesses to identify students and verify their absence from school is appropriate.

### **What is the role of the shop owner in the 'Keeping Kids in School' programme?**

All participating businesses will be provided with Keeping Kids in School signage and advertising.

*The Keeping Kids in School programme is completely voluntary.*

