



Strategic Priorities

Avondale College recognises that school attendance is important to students to achieve their educational potential. The government target is that 80% of students will be regularly attending school by 2030.

At the end of Term 3 2025 our overall full day attendance rate was 85.5%* and our regular attendance rate was 39%#.

Our attendance goals for 2026 are:

- overall school attendance is above 90%
- attendance by home room is over 90%
- less than 10% of absences are unexplained in every home room

*2025 end of term 3 overall full day attendance rate from FACTS

#2025 end of term 3 Every Day Matters attendance data from Ministry of Education. Regular attendance = attendance of over 90%.

Board Responsibilities

The board is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to ensure that the school's students attend the school when it is open for instruction. The board will comply with the provisions in the legislation in relation to student attendance by:

- having a commitment to support students return to regular attendance
- having processes and procedures in place to support a Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) plan to student absence that uses data-based thresholds to identify students
- recording all absences, and responding accordingly
- having an effective method in place for identifying and monitoring student absence, including identifying patterns and barriers to student attendance
- publishing this attendance management plan on the school's website.

Principal Responsibilities

The principal is responsible for:

- developing and implementing a stepped attendance response aligned with the thresholds to support student attendance
- ensuring that student absence is investigated, responded to and actions taken recorded aligned with the thresholds
- ensuring all students, whanau and staff understand the processes and procedures that support student attendance
- reporting to the board on any trends, barriers to attendance and interventions being used to support student attendance

Procedures/ Supporting Documentation

- Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) plan
- 2026 Staff Manual
- 2026 Deans Manual
- Attendance Flow Chart

Monitoring

- The principal will maintain reporting of daily attendance data.
- The board will receive termly attendance reporting- including information provided by the Every Day matters report.
- Included in this reporting will be any emerging trends, barriers to attendance, and areas of concern for the board's consideration.

Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020
- Education Training Amendment Bill (No.2)