



St. Martin de Porres School

Avondale Heights

ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

(For more than 10 consecutive days, other than for illness)

**** To be completed & returned to the school at least 4 weeks prior to departure.**

I / we, being the parents / legal guardians of _____ in _____
(student name) (class)

wish to make application for my/our child to be exempt from school from ____ / ____ / _____ until
____ / ____ / _____. This represents a total of _____ school days.

REASONS FOR SEEKING AN EXEMPTION :

Please note : extended 'in school term' absence can put a child's 'school learning' at risk (as opposed to 'life learning'). **It is imperative that parents/legal guardians understand :-**

- that this risk is their choice and their responsibility;
- that our school will always endeavour to assist children who are falling below expected standards. However, those children who attend school 'full time' will be given preference in programs that offer support or intervention;
- that teacher's responsibility is to teach those at school. They are not required or expected to be setting work for children on extended leave from school;
- that there is an expectation that children on 'in school term leave', are engaged in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy activities, if not daily, very regularly.
- Once completed & signed, the original application remains on file at the school and a copy is sent home for the family's records.

Please also note : *As a school we realise that life experiences borne from the likes of travel can be extraordinarily enriching and significant learning experiences. However, we also realise that there isn't a completely adequate substitute for school attendance.*

It is with these mutual understandings that _____ is granted exemption from attendance at St. Martin de Porres Primary School, Avondale Heights, for a period of _____ school days.

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PRINCIPAL

PARENTS / GUARDIANS

DATE