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# Responsibilities of Parents

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Under the Education Act 1990 (NSW), it is the legal duty of a parent of a child of compulsory school age to ensure the child:

- (a) is enrolled at, and attends, a government school or a registered non-government school; or
- (b) is registered for homeschooling with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and receives instruction in accordance with the registration conditions.

## Parents are responsible for:

- **Communicating Attendance Concerns:** Informing the school of any concerns they have regarding their child's attendance pattern.
- **Partnering with the School:** Collaborating with the school to develop and implement strategies that support their child's regular attendance.
- **Explaining Absences:** Providing an explanation to the school for any absence **within seven calendar days** of the first day of the absence. The primary method by which a parent may provide an explanation is through Compass. Verbal explanations and emails are also accepted.
- **Notifying Extended Absences:** Giving the school reasonable advance notice of any planned extended absence.
- **Requesting Exemptions:** Providing the school with reasonable advance notice when requesting an exemption from enrolment or attendance.
- **Providing Documentation:** Promptly supplying any documentation requested by the school related to their child's attendance or enrolment.