

As a parent, you can help by:

Contacting the school when your child will be late.

Booking doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours.

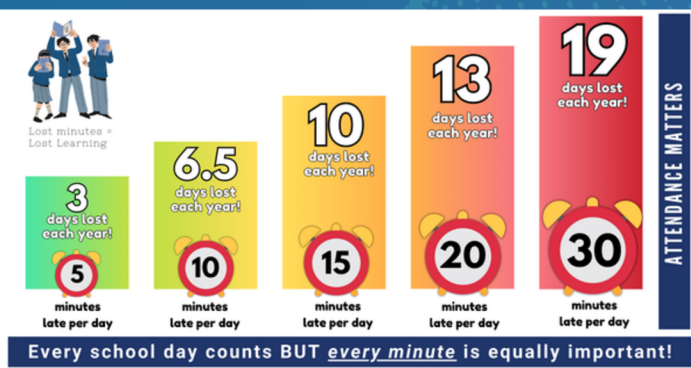
Supporting your child to attend on time by reminding them of the importance of good punctuality.

Ensuring your child arrives at school by 8:20am each morning.

Reminder: Aim to Arrive by 8:20 AM

To ensure students are settled and ready to learn, they should be in their classroom by 8:30 AM.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality. If you have any concerns or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.



“Your attendance today shapes your success tomorrow. Make it count.”

“A man who dares to waste one hour of life has not discovered the value of life”

- Charles Darwin



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IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY
AND CONSEQUENCES OF
PERSISTENT LATENESS

“Take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves”

- Lord Chesterfield



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Importance of Punctuality and Consequences of Persistent Lateness

At Mount St Joseph, we are committed to ensuring that all students receive the best possible education. A key factor in achieving success is good punctuality. Arriving at school on time ensures students are prepared, focused, and ready to learn. Good punctuality also promotes good attendance, which is essential for academic achievement and personal development. If a child arrives late for school regularly, their learning begins to suffer. Good punctuality is an excellent life-skill, and we expect all our students to arrive at school before 8:30am.

We would like to remind you of our punctuality expectations and the consequences of persistent lateness:

Two Types of Lateness

For any student who arrives after 8:30am, we operate a 'late gate' and students will receive a sanction.

- Late before 9:00 AM – If a student arrives late four times before 9:00 AM, they will receive a 45-minute detention.
- Late after 9:00 AM – If a student arrives after the register closes (9:00 AM) without a valid reason, this is recorded as an unauthorised absence ('U'), which negatively affects their attendance record and results in an automatic 45-minute detention.

Persistent lateness may result in a report to the local authority, which could lead to a fine for parents.

The Impact of Poor Punctuality

Beyond detentions and fines, poor punctuality significantly affects a student's academic progress, life skills, and confidence. Here's what your child is missing when they are late:

Years 7-10 – Reading Intervention during PDT

During PDT (Personal Development Time), all students focus on improving reading skills. A low reading age can have serious consequences, including:

- Struggles in all subjects due to difficulty understanding complex texts.
- Limited vocabulary and weaker communication skills, impacting performance in examinations, interviews and social interactions.
- Reduced confidence in the classroom.
- Fewer career opportunities and long-term financial instability.

Year 11 – English, Maths & Science Intervention during PDT

If your child is underachieving in these core subjects, they may need to resit English and Maths at college if they do not achieve a grade 4 or higher. This can limit their options for college, apprenticeships, or employment.

“Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.”

- William Shakespeare



What Else Are Students Missing?

Year 9 – Making important option choices for GCSEs.

Year 10 – Work experience and college application preparation.

Year 11 – College applications and career planning.

Years 7-11 – Assemblies with crucial information, as well as PSHE development, opportunities for school trips, and invitations to events like the prom and end-of-term rewards.

How Students Can Improve Punctuality

Encourage your child to take responsibility for their timekeeping:

- Be ambitious – understand that good punctuality leads to success.
- Establish a bedtime routine – ensure they get enough sleep.
- Set an alarm – wake up on time.
- Plan breakfast – eat at home to avoid unnecessary stops.
- Respect parents – listen to reminders about time management.
- Plan their route – ensure they know their bus times and allow extra travel time

The Benefits of Being On Time

- Develops good habits for future work and life.
- Maximises learning time and ensures full participation in lessons.
- Builds relationships and improves social skills.
- Boosts confidence and promotes a sense of achievement.