

# Stepped Attendance Response – STAR



## Responding to all absence

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time



At Southland Boys' High School, we know that showing up matters. Being at school regularly — around 90% or better — gives our boys the best shot at success, both in the classroom and in their lives beyond the gates.

This year we're putting a clearer, more consistent Attendance Pathway in place, based on Ministry of Education expectations. The goal is simple: keep students engaged, in their classes, and moving forward.

Every day away from school (unless it's a school-approved event) counts toward a student's total absences for the term. When patterns start to build, we step in early to support students and their whānau before things become serious.

Our Tutor Teachers, Deans, House Leaders, and Senior Leadership Team will work together to keep communication open and to help families problem-solve attendance barriers. The first point of contact will usually be via email once a student reaches five or more days away from school in a term.

Below is the SBHS Attendance Pathway. If you have questions, please get in touch with the Attendance Dean for SBHS.

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