

FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATTENDANCE



RATIONALE

The Migration Act 1958 provides for the automatic cancellation of student visas where visa holders fail to meet attendance or academic requirements as set out in visa condition 8202. International Students must remain enrolled in a full time registered course and must attend at least 80% of the contact hours scheduled for each term or semester of the course. Cancellation of a student visa is a very serious matter having potentially lifelong consequences for the International Student.

Frankston High School will implement the following staged response to all attendance issues for International Students, utilising Department of Education and Training (DET) provided contracts, templates and processes, as required:

POLICY

Stage 1 INTERVENTION

If a student's attendance falls to 90%

- The student will be advised about the importance of fulfilling all visa conditions, especially visa condition 8202.
- The student will be counselled to ensure that problems affecting attendance are addressed and resolved.
- The student's parents will be advised of the school's concerns about their child's attendance.

Stage 2 CLOSE MONITORING

If a student's attendance falls below 90%

- The student will again be reminded of the need to comply with their visa conditions and will then be placed on a school contract with an appropriate review date (between 3-6 weeks).
- The Campus Principal, the International Student Coordinator and the homestay host will be advised of the issues.
- The student's parents will be informed in writing and a copy of the school contract sent to them.

If the student has been counselled several times and attendance falls to 85%

- The International Student Coordinator will inform the Campus Principal of the breach of the school contract and a meeting will be organised with the student.
- The student will be placed on a contract, with a review date determined.
- The student will be counselled and advised of the consequences of breaching the contract if they fall below 80% attendance.
- The school must inform the parents and send a copy of the contract.
- The International Student Coordinator will consistently monitor the student's attendance.

Stage 3 REPORTING

- If a student's attendance falls below 80%, the student may be reported to DET International Division who may begin the process of reporting the student to Department of Home Affairs as being non-compliant.
- Frankston High School will follow the procedures as described above and will complete all required documentation to enable this step to occur.