



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

18 MARY STREET BUNBURY WA 6230

**RE: HOLIDAYS BEING TAKEN DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
(FIVE (5) or MORE CONSECUTIVE DAYS)**

This letter is to inform parents of the school's position regarding students being taken on holidays during the school term. We consider that leave taken during term time is detrimental to the educational programs provided by the school and the school-based learning undertaken by your child.

It is important that families consider the following issues when arranging holidays to be taken outside of school time:

- Students miss out on important learning programs that may affect future education. The school accepts no responsibility for learning that is missed during extended leave taken.
- Teachers are not to be asked to set work while extended leave is taken for holiday purposes.
- If important assessments are missed, then some areas of your child's report may be left incomplete.
- Extended absences cause extra organisational concerns for in-class and co-curricular activities including sports days, NAPLAN assessments, assemblies, camps, Sacramental programs, performing arts and so forth. Your child's involvement in these activities cannot be guaranteed if essential preparation has not been undertaken or they are absent when activities are planned.
- Students may find it difficult to learn school routines and develop social groups when extended leave is taken during school time. Some students also have difficulty reintegrating into class groups and friendship groups after being absent.

Parents should also be aware of the requirements of the School Education Act 1999 (Section 23) for students of compulsory school age.

While we understand that families do not intend to cause any disruption to their child's learning or school operation when extra holidays are planned, the purpose of this letter is to provide information for families so that the school's position can be considered.

Student(s) Name(s) and Year Level

Time of leave: From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Purpose: _____

I/We have read and understand the implications of taking extended leave during the term.

Signed: _____ Date: _____