

Report highlights

Top 5 reasons

for **student non-attendance**
(as perceived by school leaders)



Family issues



Parent apathy



Student illness



Family holiday



Student refusal

Common strategies to lift attendance:

communicate expectations



Discuss the importance of attendance in the classroom



Remind parents through newsletters, social media and parent information sessions



Remind students during assemblies

holistic approach



Improve student wellbeing



Strengthen school and family relationships



Ensure students feel connected to school



Implement reward programs for good attendance

target support for students with low attendance



Refer students to guidance officers or other support



Discourage families from taking holidays during the school term



Support students returning to school after substantial absence



Use 'Individual Attendance Improvement Plans'

Compared to 2012,

a greater percentage of school leaders said they regularly:



Generate reports on patterns and trends of attendance



Analyse their data to identify absenteeism patterns and trends



Consistently follow up on unexplained absences