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:

- Discuss the importance of attendance in the classroom
- Remind parents through newsletters, social media and parent information sessions
- Remind students during assemblies

communicate expectations

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