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- 7 rugby jumpers
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Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned. It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

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Being late is not okay either

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Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.

Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.

Consider catching-up on missed work.

Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.