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Ref: School Attendance

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of September and a successful start to the school year, I am writing to you to highlight the importance of regular school attendance and to seek your continued support in ensuring that **all of our students attend school every day**.

At Beaufort College, we want every student to succeed. Research, as well as our own school experience, shows a clear link between excellent attendance and strong academic attainment. Students who attend school consistently are more likely to stay engaged, make steady progress in their learning, and achieve higher results in their examinations. Conversely, students with frequent absences often find it difficult to catch up, which can have a long-term impact on both their confidence and their overall achievement.

We fully understand that there are times when illness or exceptional circumstances make absence unavoidable. However, it is vital that these occasions are kept to a minimum. Every day of school matters – lessons missed cannot be fully replaced, and valuable learning time is lost.

In order to help us monitor and support student attendance effectively, we ask that you:

1. **Ensure your child attends school every day** unless there is a genuine reason for absence.
2. **Submit an explained absence note through Compass**, our school management system. This is a requirement and allows us to maintain accurate records and provide appropriate support where needed.

Improving attendance is a shared responsibility. With your support, we can work together to ensure that every student has the best possible chance to reach their full potential.

Should you require any assistance in using Compass to record absences, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ken Flynn
Principal