



**Phone: 9175 8100**

Gregory Ave, Newman  
www.newmanshs.wa.edu.au

**School Times:**  
8:10am – 2:20pm



## Attending School

Attendance at School is very important. It is the law. Students must attend school regularly.

School is a safe, healthy environment for children. All children should be enrolled at school and attend school all day, every day where possible.



We want your children to do their very best. Our school can provide students with breakfast and school uniforms.

Missing school means missing out on learning. Going to school is good for participation and belonging.

**It's Best to be Here!**

## Student Attendance

Newman Senior High School implements the Department of Education Attendance Policy. Within this policy are four key processes. These include:

**Records** – accurate records are maintained

**Recognise** – daily attendance is monitored and every absence identified

**Restore** – where a student's absence is a concern, school devised and legislative strategies are implemented to restore attendance

Under the Western Australian law (School Education Act 1999), parents must send their children to school unless:

- They are too unwell
- They have an infectious disease
- The Principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason

## Attendance = Achievement!



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## Parent / Carer Responsibilities

- ✓ Ensure that your child is on time for school each day – before 8:10am
- ✓ Notify the school if your child is absent as soon as possible by:
  - **Phone:** 9175 8100
  - **Email:** [Newman.SHS.Attendance@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Newman.SHS.Attendance@education.wa.edu.au)
  - **SMS:** 0409 088 810
  - **Skoolbag app: E-FORMS**
- ✓ Notify the school in advance if an absence will be a long time
- ✓ Notify the school if you have moved address or changed phone numbers
- ✓ Contact the school and we can work together to support your child's attendance.

*Newman Senior High School believes that school refusal can place children in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices.*

**There are 190 school days a year**

Time for learning in a safe, supportive inclusive space.

**There are 175 non-school days a year**

Time for family, visits, holidays, shopping, appointments

# Attendance matters for achievement

- Regular (90% or greater)
- Indicated (80% to <90%)
- Moderate (60% to <80%)
- Severe (<60%)

If a child misses...	that equals...	or...	From PP to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance category
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	<b>Regular</b> 90 % or above
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	<b>Indicated</b> 80 % to 90 %
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	<b>Moderate</b> 60 % to 80 %
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	<b>Severe</b> 60 % or less

## Local Support Services for Newman

### NGALA – free call: 1800 111 546

Free parenting support for families with children 0 – 18 years.

### Raising Children – [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

Australian parenting website.

### Kids Helpline – free call: 1800 55 1800

Get help. Anytime. Any Reason.

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

### Population Health – (08) 9175 8380

Health Department of WA

### Save the Children – Newman

[solidfamilies@savethechildren.com.au](mailto:solidfamilies@savethechildren.com.au)

Save the Children is an organisation dedicated to helping children. Our Solid Families Program in Newman provides information, education and individual parenting support to promote family wellbeing. The Solid Families Program also offer parent workshops in "Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting" and "Tuning in to Kids" and are run several times during the year.

### RSAS-YMCA - (08) 9177 8537 or 0488 120 340

The Remote School Attendance Strategy is about school attendance officers working with schools, families, parents and community organisations to ensure all aboriginal children go to school every day.

### The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation – (08) 9443 7260

**Follow the Dream** – Gregory Ave. Eligible aspirant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Newman Senior High School are welcome to apply. Monday to Thursday 2:20pm - 4:30pm.

### EPIC - (08) 9185 0031

EPIC's Newman Parenting Service offers support for the challenges of parenting. The aim of the Parenting Service is to build knowledge, skills and confidence, identify local supports for families and understand children's development and disabilities.

### Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

free call: 1800 199 888 or (08) 6458 1828

24 hour emergency line

### Mission Australia (PCADS) – (08) 9154 3800

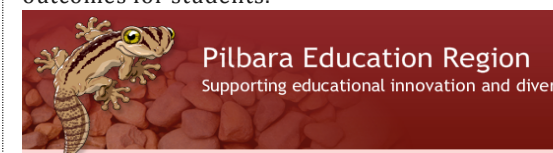
Pilbara community alcohol and drug service. Assisting individuals and families including young people who are in need of help and support for alcohol and other drug use.

### Headspace Pilbara – free call 1800 290 626

Provides free support to young people aged 12 to 25 years to enhance wellbeing including mental health, alcohol and drug services, primary and sexual health services, and work and school support.

### Pilbara Education Regional Office (PERO)

(08) 9185 0111 - Provides support to schools to deliver quality educational opportunities and outcomes for students.



## ABORIGINAL CORPORATIONS

*May provide financial assistance to aboriginal families seeking education support*

WDLAC - (08) 9486 9797 or 0400 706 142

Mutual Trust (Martu) – Myer Family Company

(08) 9230 7700

Gumula Aboriginal Corporation

free call 1800 486 252 (1800 Gumula)

IBN Group – free call 1800 014 401



## Aboriginal Education

Working in partnership empowers all to make a significant difference

## School Responsibilities

*“Department of Education Policy advises that schools must follow up on student absences if a reason has not been provided...”*

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