

Attendance at James Hargest College

This year we are implementing the STAR attendance plan, as required by the Ministry of Education.

STAR (Stepped Attendance Response) is designed to support students' regular attendance at school. Attending school regularly, at least 90% of the time, makes it easier for students to achieve academic success and form strong social relationships.

STAR will strengthen communication with whānau around attendance, and bring to the forefront the importance of being in class regularly. All absences, excluding school approved activities, will count towards days of absence.

Homeroom Teachers, Form Teachers, Deans and Senior Leadership will be working together to communicate with whānau and provide support to help students attend school. This will begin with communication via email when a student has been absent for five or more days.

Please see our Stepped Attendance Response below. If you have any questions feel free to contact Caroline Raynes at the Senior Campus or Kristine Simpson at the Junior Campus.

Good <i>Good Chance of Success</i> 0-4 days absence in a term	Worrying <i>Less Chance of Success</i> 5-9 days absence in a term	Concerning <i>Hard to make progress</i> 10-14 days absence in a term	Very concerning <i>Very hard to make progress</i> 15+days absence in a term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whānau can access their child's attendance through the kamar portal or school appAttendance is reported to whānau routinely throughout the term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homeroom Teacher/Form Teacher will send first formal notification to whānau when absences sit between 5-9 days within each termPossible referral to guidance, academic tutor, school nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">House Dean will meet with students and whānau to complete 'My every day attendance plan' and will send second formal notificationPossible referral to outside agencies including the Attendance Service/Health School/Oranga Tamariki	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Leadership Team will meet with students and their whānau and send third formal notificationPossible whānau hui with the Attendance Service who will implement and monitor the improvement planPossible referral for a Family Group Conference through Oranga TamarikiLegal action considered