

Exemption from Compulsory Schooling

Information for Parents and Students

This procedure outlines the process for applying for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling phase, in line with Policy and Procedure of the Queensland Government - Department of Education, Training and Employment.

What is an exemption and why do I need it?

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

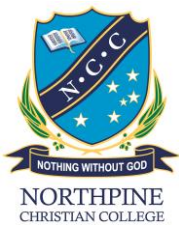
Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?

The Principal has the authority to approve exemptions of up to and including 110 school days in a calendar year that do not cause the total period of exemptions granted in the year to exceed 110 school days.

Applying for an exemption

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.



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Application Form

To be completed by the Parent/Carer					
1. Name of Student/s in full					
2. Date of Birth		3. Year Level			
4. Name of Parent/Carer					
5. Address					
6. Home Phone		7. Mobile Phone			
8. Period for which exemption is sought (Dates)	From	/ /	To	/ /	
9. How many school days are you seeking an exemption for?					
10. Reasons for seeking exemption (please provide full details and attach documentary evidence to support this application e.g. statement from medical practitioner)					
_____ Signature of Parent/Carer			_____ Date		

Please forward the completed application form and any attachments to the School Principal for consideration and approval. Notification of the decision regarding this application will be communicated to the parent/carer.

To be completed by the Principal	
Decision (please tick whichever is appropriate)	
Has Teaching Staff been informed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, is there Action Plan for student to catch up with school work? 	
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant an exemption for this student and parent/carer has been advised. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not grant an exemption for this student.	
COMMENTS: _____ _____ 	
_____ Principal	_____ Date

Original to be kept in Student's File.