

## Medical Advancement

Sustains life in ways not possible years ago.  
With these advancements come great responsibility to also ensure quality of life.  
Irwin & Alam, 2011



**Education as a key social determinant** of adolescent health outcomes, impacting the individual, future family and societal burden.

## Literature Evidences



## Every Day Counts

Research of >400,000 students found no safe threshold for absence



## Right to Education

United Nations CRC Article 28-29

## Health Issues

Attendance  
Connectedness  
Engagement  
Academic Performance

REDUCED

## Missing School Report

> 60,000 students are at significant educational risk due to chronic illness each year.

**MISSING SCHOOL**



NO SICK DAYS UPTO 3 WEEKS OF SICK DAYS  
3+ WEEKS OF SICK DAYS

## 15+ Sick Days

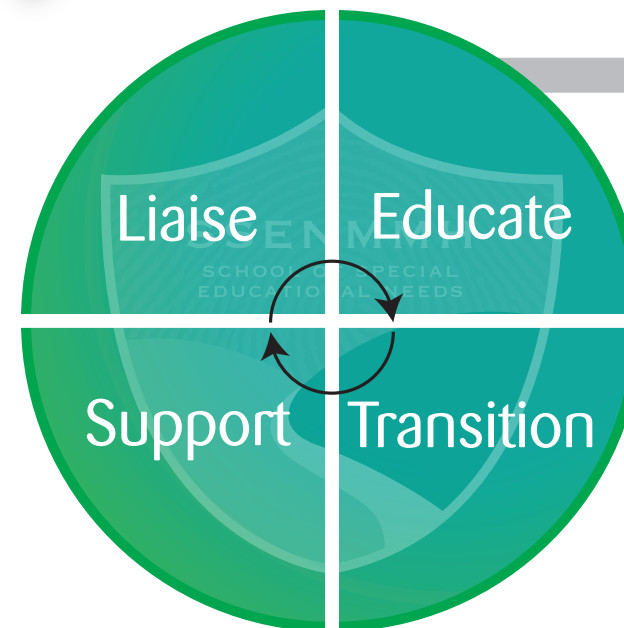
15% of WA Government secondary students.



## CCYP

22% have a long term health problem of which 50% of reported learning affected

## School of Special Educational Needs Medical & Mental Health LETS Model



## Reduce Impact

CCYP Finding  
ALL students with health issues should have support to reduce impact.

## Drop Out Rates

50% of students with 2yrs of health disruption to school.

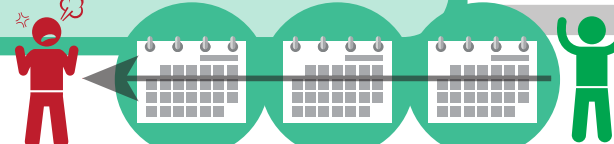
## Absence Due to Illness

Sick days are linked with lower grades.  
34% of Year 9 students with more than 15 sick days in Year 8 received a D or E grade in English.



## Impact on Progress

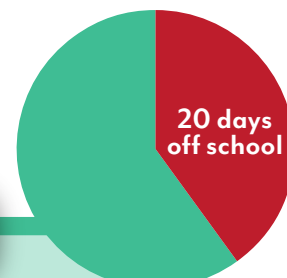
Year 9 students who missed 3 WEEKS (15 days) due to illness were 3 MONTHS further behind their peers on Numeracy in NAPLAN.



20 days off school

## WA Attendance

Across WA government schools in 2016, approximately 2 in 5 secondary students missed > 20 days of school (about 1 month).



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