Student Extended Leave School Policy

School Attendance
Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for them to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people at school.

Family Holidays and Travel
Families are encouraged to travel or holiday during school holidays. If this is not possible, speak to your child's school principal when planning the holiday about an Application for Extended Leave, or eligibility to enrol in Distance Education. Where the principal considers that the travel is appropriate a Certificate of Extended Leave will be issued. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

If you choose to take your child out of the regular Woollahra Public School program

We can provide:

-a general outline of the intended topic areas for the weeks that your child will be absent from Woollahra Public School. This document is an excerpt from the class teacher’s program. Please note that face to face, interactive and reactive teaching occurs using these topics as a basis. Lessons are not a series of prepared worksheets based on these topics.

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We recommend:
-a variety of teaching and learning activities that are authentically embedded into your holiday experience.
To help mathematical understanding and development; have conversations and give your child practice in converting money, reading timetables, looking at maps, tracing journeys, looking at time zones, paying for items, packing suitcases in different ways to experiment with volume and capacity, converting units of measurement and time etc.

To develop literacy skills; spend time reading fictional and factual texts about your location / destinations, prepare reports about experiences, keep a diary, make a scrap book, keep a video log (if under 1 min, they can usually be emailed back to family, friends and classes), spend time learning about the history and culture of your location.

Alternatively,

If you wish to work through a more structured curriculum please look through the Distance Education program provided by the Department of Education and Communities for families that are traveling for extended periods.

The Application for Extended Leave can be downloaded from the following link:

- Application for Extended Leave

Further information about Distance Education is available from the following link:

- Distance Education

**Rural and Distance Education**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is committed to equity of outcomes for students in NSW. A range of programs are available for students and schools to provide access and improve learning outcomes, particularly in rural areas. Students travelling within Australia or internationally for >50-400 days and who are eligible for a NSW DEC school, can enrol in Distance Education. The goals are:

- **Curriculum**- to provide isolated students with access to a wider range of teachers, curriculum materials, learning experiences and sources of knowledge
- **Peer Interaction**- to provide more direct and timely opportunities to engage with peers in collaborative learning.
- **Connectedness** - to enhance a sense of belonging through interactive access to information sources, educational and community services and individual connections.

For information on enrolment procedures: