St. Katherine's School

Amplify Education

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Dear Parents/Carers

Protecting learning time

Having reviewed Term 1 successes across the school, punctuality was one area that stood out. Yesterday morning we recognised the 436 students who recorded zero late minutes. Student voice last term reflected the disruption and frustration that occurs when learning is underway and students arrive after the bell.

Comments included:

"The lesson starts and then there are two or three more waves of students arriving. We don't sometimes get started properly until 10 minutes into the lesson."

"People arrive late to our lessons all the time. It is really annoying and disruptive."

Term 2

Working in partnership with parents/carers, we will be sharing your child's/children's late minutes i.e. the number of minutes they are arriving after the bell. Please take this opportunity to discuss their punctuality to lessons to maximise their learning time.

Students have:

- four minutes to transition between lessons
- five minutes at the end of breaktime and lunchtime

Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing the positive impact this focus will deliver moving forward.

Yours sincerely

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