



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**MISSING SCHOOL LAUNCH**

It is a sad fact that many young people in Australia suffer conditions which take them away from school.

Maintaining a connection with peers and friends during such times can be crucial for a student's social and emotional wellbeing, while continuing academic progress is important for long-term commitment to learning.

I commend everyone here today for your dedication to improving outcomes for children who miss school due to significant illness or injury.

You are doing a wonderful job in raising awareness of this issue, as well as bringing hope and encouragement to many young Australians, their families and carers. For that, you have my admiration and thanks.

I wish the organisers and attendees of today's event all the best as you continue this great work.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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