



A Partnership Approach to Reducing School Absenteeism

Central Goldfields Best Start Project

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“Education is the single biggest protective factor against poverty”

World Health Organisation





Who's Involved?

All primary schools in the Shire

- Maryborough Education centre
- Talbot Primary School
- Timor Primary School
- Bealiba primary School
- Dunolly Primary School
- Carisbrook Primary School
- St Augustine's Catholic Primary School





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Engaging Traders

Options offered

- Refusing to serve students
- Asking “*shouldn’t you be at school?*”
- Display a poster