Identification and Referral Process

- Yr 8 – 10 Student (in compulsory phase of learning) case managers track absenteeism 10+ days in a school term
- Student Case manager meeting - a number of young people with 10+ unexplained and explained absences are presented to HOD Student Services
- Referral done to YSC
- Young people brought to Student Service Team meeting and young people selected to be referred to Sunshine Connect
- HOD Student Service invite young person and parents and makes an appointment on nominated assessment day
- Youth Connections Coordinator and Youth Support Coordinator informed

A comprehensive holistic assessment conducted by Youth Connections Coordinator and Youth Support Coordinator offsite in a neutral relaxed environment.

Case review conducted including Centacare Youth Counselor. Recommendations made to Student Support team so an Individual Support Plan can be developed and case manager determined based on the major barriers identified. Parent/young person notified

If parent and/or young person do not want to participate the school will choose the punitive pathway

If absenteeism continues the police are notified. A police visit is made to the home and young person transported to school - look at alternative learning

If attendance does not improve Centrelink and Department of Child Safety if necessary will be notified of young person’s nonattendance and a referral to IFYS’s COSI program made

If no improvement and/or little or no active participation young person will head along the punitive pathway. Referral can be remade if circumstances change

When all avenues are exhausted then the School’s punitive measures will be put in place with a view to exclude

Transition back into the normal mainstream school or alternative learning environment which meets their needs