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## LEARNING CONFERENCES TERM 2 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past two years, we have adopted an online Learning Conference approach to provide students and parents with critical feedback on student learning. Students have been provided with the opportunity to reflect on their learning in preparation for these conferences and invited to lead these discussions. We have been extremely pleased with how students have responded and believe that students who can speak about their learning are able to make decisions about what they need to do next to improve and grow. The conferences also encourage students to develop greater ownership of their learning, providing an opportunity for them to identify learning goals for ongoing improvement.

Each year we have asked families to provide feedback on the Learning Conferences and the comments have been very positive. Whilst some families appreciated the conferences being online, other families commented that their preference would be a face-to-face meeting. Some families also expressed concerns about a lack of available times to schedule meetings.

We have taken this feedback on board in developing the following plan that we would like to trial this term. Once again, we will ask families for feedback on this trial format early in Term 3.

### Learning Conferences Term 2 2022

- Students will participate in a reflection activity on each subject and use this to guide the conversation at the Learning Conferences.
- Semester 1 Reports will be made available on the College Portal on Thursday, June 30.
- **Online Learning Conferences** will be scheduled on the evening of Thursday, June 30, commencing at 3.30 pm and concluding at 7.30 pm.
- **Face to face conferences** will be scheduled on Friday, July 1 (the last day of Term 2). This will be a pupil free day. Families will be invited to book appointments for a face-to-face meeting with their son and their class teachers, between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.
- Each teacher will be allocated a classroom or office to provide greater privacy during the Learning Conference.
- All Learning Conferences whether they be online or face-to-face will be seven minutes in duration.
- Parents will be able to book all Learning Conferences whether they be online or face-to-face via the Parent Teacher Online Portal. (Details will be distributed to parents in the lead up to the Learning Conferences)

Based on the feedback that we received, we believe that this approach to the Learning Conferences will meet the needs of students and families and create an increased number of interview times. We look forward to receiving your feedback on this approach via a parent survey that will be administered in Term 3.

Yours sincerely

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