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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As Semester One ends, I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank our staff and students for their dedication and contribution to our wonderful community. Students have participated in a range of learning experiences throughout Terms 1 and 2 and it is so pleasing to see how the boys have responded and engaged in these opportunities.

Feedback regarding student learning is critical for continued learning growth and St Edward's is committed to providing students and families with relevant feedback regarding their learning. Two separate but aligned processes have been scheduled to occur at the end of this term and early next term to provide feedback in the form of a Semester One Report for Years 7-10 and Learning Conferences.

### Reports

The Semester One Report provides students with specific feedback in each of their courses. The report contains a grade from A-E, an indication of their level of achievement in relation to the learning outcomes for each course as well as their application and effort according to the College Learner Profile. Importantly teachers will provide a comment, which is designed to affirm student progress and offer recommendations for ongoing improvement. Reports will be uploaded to the Portal on Friday June 30 and students are encouraged to read and discuss these reports with their parents prior to attending the Learning Conferences next term.

The next report that students in Year 11 will receive is their Preliminary Report at the end of Term 3 and Year 12 students will receive a report after the Trial HSC Examinations which will be held in weeks three to five of Term 3. (The Trial HSC Exam timetable will be available to students in the coming days). The Learning Conferences scheduled for next term are therefore an important means of feedback for Year 11 students as they work towards completing these courses and prepare to commence the HSC in Term 4. They are equally important for Year 12 students to provide advice on how best to prepare for the Trial HSC Examination.

### Learning Conferences

An important goal of the College Aspiration Statement is to encourage our students to develop greater responsibility and autonomy with their learning. We assist them in developing goals associated with their learning and provide feedback on how to continue to improve. Learning Conferences are designed to foster these reflective skills in our students. Students will be asked to lead the conversation at these meetings, discussing ideas such as what they have learnt in each course, what they have enjoyed or found challenging, what they have learnt about themselves as learners and areas they may need to focus on to bring about further improvement.





### Dates of Years 7-12 Learning Conferences:

Thursday July 20: Online 4.00pm-7.30pm

Thursday July 27: Online 4.00pm-7.30pm

It is important that students participate in these conferences as this is a vital component of the process. The Parent Booking Portal will be opened on Thursday June 29 and parents and carers should have received information about the booking process. If you did not receive this information, please access via the [news tab](#) on the College website or contact the College Front Office.

### Academic Assemblies Wednesday July 19

On Wednesday July 19 we will take time to acknowledge the academic success and effort of students throughout Semester One. Two assemblies have been scheduled for this day so that we can celebrate the wonderful work of our students in Semester One. An awards ceremony for Years 7-9 will be held in the morning followed by a second ceremony in the middle of the day for Year 10-12. Parents of students receiving awards for academic achievement and consistent effort will be invited to attend these ceremonies in support of their sons and will receive a letter on Friday June 30 with the details.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support of the work that we do with our students, and I wish our students a very safe and happy mid-year break.

Yours sincerely

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