

Tuesday 31st March, 2020

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

RE: Primary Report Card Changes

Over the past 6 months the Primary College has undertaken the process of reviewing our report cards. As a result, there are changes to the formatting, as well as the information that appears on your child's Primary College report. The purpose of this letter is to outline what some of those changes are.

Background

All Australian schools are required to formally report to parents two times throughout an academic year, these reports are issued at the end of each Semester. At Calvary, we provide four report cards in total, the additional two reports are issued at the end of Term One and Three and are accompanied with Parent Teacher interviews.

Changes to the Term One and Term Three Reports

- These have been re-named as 'Progress Reports'. The purpose here is to provide an indication of your child's progress for that term.
- Progress reports are based on a teachers' professional judgement rather than formal assessment.

Changes to the Semester Reports

- Separate comments for both English and Mathematics have been added, they each provide a teacher statement of where your child is at and what they could do to potentially improve in that subject area.

Changes to all Four Reports

- As of 2020 all report cards will now be emailed rather than posted or issued at Parent Teacher Interviews.
- A Pastoral Care comment has been added. It provides a teacher statement about how your child is progressing according to our Calvary Way.
- The Calvary Way now explicitly includes the College's Code of Conduct and Values.
- Extra-Curricular participation is represented as a list, not a comment. If your child has not participated in any extra-curricular activity then this section will not appear on the report.
- Subject information will include four main categories. Each of these categories will be allocated a Standard for Prep it will be either Ex, Adv, Dem, Dev or Em. For Year One to Six it will be either A, B, C, D or E.
- The four main categories for each Subject are as follows;
 - **Knowledge and Understanding of Content** – is the facts, concepts and procedures which your child has achieved throughout the academic reporting period.
 - **Application of Skills** - is how your child applies their knowledge and understanding of content to different situations throughout the academic reporting period.
 - **Overall Academic Achievement** - is a progressive rating that your child has been able to achieve across the subject throughout the academic reporting period.
 - **Overall Effort** - is how your child has been applying themselves in the subject area.

Due to the evolving community response to COVID-19 some of our students have been completing work from home, please be assured they will still receive the Term One Progress Report. Classroom teachers will be basing their professional judgement on work completed prior to this event. A reminder the scheduled Term One Parent Teacher Interviews have been postponed until Term Two pending Government directives.

It is very important that all our families ensure their email and contact details are up to date. The Term One Progress Report is scheduled to be emailed to both Primary and Secondary families on **Friday 3rd April**, it will be an attachment. Should there be any issues with receiving your child's report via email please notify the College immediately.

As all of our four reports roll out throughout the academic year you will be able to refer to this letter on our website. If further clarification is required regarding the report card changes please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Primary College would like to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's educational journey. We are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children after the Easter break, we pray you all remain safe and healthy during this time.

God Bless,



Allison Reeves
Director of Primary College