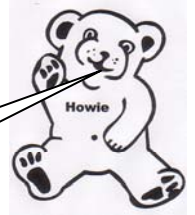




# Curriculum Chatter

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## ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING UPDATE

### Changes to Parent Reporting in Victorian Government Schools

What's Happening?

**From 2007** there will be new student report cards in Victorian Government Schools. Further details about what the new student report cards will look like and what information about your child they will contain will be clearly outlined to you in an informative brochure. Some of the main points that you might want to know about the new student report cards are explained below. Much of the layout of new report is very similar to the one already developed by Croydon Hills. The main difference will be in the new report ratings where your child will be given a rating between A and E according to their progress against the statewide standards. Croydon Hills has yet to decide whether we will begin to use the new ratings earlier than 2007.

### Reports at least twice per year

As parents/carers, you have the right to receive regular information on the progress of your child. You will continue to be provided with a written report at least twice per year.

### Student progress over time

The new student report cards will include common information for all students in government schools. Student progress in their previous year level as well as how they have progressed in the year of reporting will be included in the report. Our school will be able to add other information about students that is relevant to our school community.

### Progress against the statewide standards

The progress of your child will be clearly shown against the statewide standards. The information in the new student report cards will be provided using a common reporting rating of A (well above standard expected) to E (well below standard expected).

### Home/school partnerships

The new student reports will assist in further strengthening the partnerships between home and school. Our school will describe in the new student report card what we are going to do to support your child's learning, how you, as parents/carers can help and how your child will be encouraged to help.

### Student involvement in reporting

Students will play a role in thinking about their progress at school. In primary school students will include, in the report, a written comment about their progress. In secondary schools students will be expected to develop annual personal learning goals and to review their progress throughout the year.

### Additional information

More information and answers to questions you may have can be found at the reporting website <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/studentreports/index.htm>

### PORTFOLIOS and REPORTS

At Croydon Hills we have developed student portfolios containing samples of your child's learning to complement and support the June and December reports

**The portfolios** are a collection of children's work that shows significant development throughout the year. The pieces have been collected at various stages of the learning process and therefore include drafts and work in progress, as well as completed work.

Portfolios are now the focus of our reporting program and an enormous amount of time and effort has been put into these by both teachers and students. This collection of work samples or 'evidence of learning' supports and informs the June and December report

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