



Curriculum Chatter

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Reporting to Parents

The Victorian Government has introduced new student report cards in all Victorian schools. The report card is designed to provide you with a clear picture of your child's progress that is easy to understand, and consistent from one school to another. (See sample report on back of this sheet)

The report has a graph to give you a clear overview of what your child has achieved, as well as detailed comments from your child's teachers - and in most cases, also from your child - on progress made and the next steps forward.

The A-E ratings and comments that are on your child's report show you what your child has achieved, not against the other students in your child's class or year level, but against state-wide standards.

In reading your child's report, it is important to remember that the A-E ratings have a specific meaning that is consistent in all Victorian schools. For example, on the report card, no matter which school your child attends, a 'B' rating will always mean that your child is above the state-wide Standard expected at the time of year. A 'C' rating will always mean your child has achieved the state-wide Standard expected at this time of the year, and their learning is firmly on track.

The box headed 'Ratings' on the report card tells you exactly what each of the A-E ratings means, and it is important to refer to these, as well as the more detailed written comments, to get a clear picture of your child's progress against the Standards.

Another key feature of the report cards is that they aim to involve all teachers, students and parents in the reporting process. On the last page of your child's report there will be a space for you to write comments and return them to the school. Your child may also complete a student comment. We will not be providing formal portfolio assessment this year as we focus on the introduction of the new reporting format. Student work samples (evidence of learning) are always available in student work books / journals or files. Some individual projects or investigations undertaken in class may have already been sent home after completion for your child to share with you.

Any questions or comments about the report card, or the reporting process are very welcome. If you need any further information, or have any questions or comments, please contact me. There will be further information about the A-E ratings and a more detailed reporting timeline provided in next week's newsletter.

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