



**CHRISTIAN  
COLLEGE**  
G E E L O N G

1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

### **Year 3 and 4 Student Learning Conferences**

Dear Parents,

Student Learning Conferences for Years 3 and 4 students will be held on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June with a focus on being 'student led'**. The purpose of this conference is to reflect on and celebrate your child's learning throughout the semester. During the 20 minute conference, your child will lead the discussion, demonstrate work samples and evaluate their own learning.

Conferences that are 'student led' show not only 'how' a student is doing but 'why' they are doing what they are doing. Students are encouraged to be active participants in the learning process, they have increased ownership, accountability and pride in their schooling and they have an opportunity to articulate their achievements through their discussions with parents.

Previous feedback from parents noted that they have been given greater insight into how their child learns, it helped them to discover ways that they could become more involved in the learning process and overall, they enjoyed watching their child proudly present their information. Students have prepared for the conferences, understanding that this will be a time for discussion between the student and the parent. While the teacher will be present and available for clarification, it is not the intention that the teacher will lead or manage the conversation in these conferences.

During each conference time slot, there will be up to 4 students with their parents in the room at the same time. Each family will choose a table and the student will begin the presentation to his/her parents. To schedule a time, please book through the Christian College Portal, (see accompanying attachment). Please note that the Year 3 and 4 conference duration is 20 minutes.

Parents are asked to book a 30 minute time slot for the conference, allowing 20 minutes for the student presentation and 10 minutes at the end in case the need for discussion arises with the Homeroom Teacher. Please advise your child's Homeroom Teacher prior to the conference date if you feel you will need one on one time to discuss your child's progress. Please Note: Prep – Year 2 Student Learning Conferences will be held over the same evenings and will be 10 minutes in length.

Teachers of the specialist subject areas will be in their specialist classroom areas throughout each evening of the conferences. Although formal meeting times with specialist staff are not available, you are invited to visit these areas with your children to see and learn more about the programs offered at each year level. Please contact your child's Homeroom Teacher if you have any further questions.

We look forward to welcoming our families at the Student Learning Conferences,

Yours sincerely,

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