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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Middle College Reporting - Important Update - Semester Two 2019

This semester, you may have noticed some changes to your child's 'Grades' page on the OLE.

This is because the College has recently taken steps to enhance its reporting of achievement information for Middle College students with the introduction of 'Online Reporting'.

Middle College Online Reporting - Now Live

The purpose of Online Reporting is to provide parents/caregivers with the most up-to-date student achievement information possible and to make visible to students and their families assessment-specific feedback, as it becomes available.

This means that you may now access grades and feedback – in the form of a comment and/or assessment rubric - for every **Common Assessment Task (CAT)** that has been completed by your child so far this semester in every subject, without having to wait for the Semester Two Report at the end the term.

A Common Assessment Task (CAT) is a summative task or test that all students in a course complete at the end of a unit of learning.

You can expect further student achievement information to be published by teachers as it becomes available between now and the end of the academic year.

Parents should expect grades and feedback to be published within four weeks of the deadline date. This timeframe is to allow for robust marking and moderation processes. Student achievement information will only be published online once these important processes, that ensure fairness and consistency, are complete.

We are working to best practice in making this enhancement. Educational research tells us that reporting of student achievement information in a format that provides quality and timely feedback to students and their parents, allows students to implement and set more accurate goals for improvement and enables parents to better support their child's learning progress.

Pleasingly, this also responds to feedback from the recent Parental Satisfaction Survey in which more consistent, timely and individualized communication regarding student achievement information was highlighted as an area for improvement.

How to Access Online Reporting

Online Reporting information is accessed via the OLE Parent Portal and is found on your child's 'Grades' page. A visual step-by-step guide is attached for your reference



Semester Two Report - Update

As a result of the enhancement above, we are also making some changes to the format of our Semester Two Report.

The purpose of the Semester Two Report is to provide a summary overview of student learning and achievement across Terms Three and Four. It is now designed to complement the specific Online Reporting information made available on the OLE.

Please expect the 2019 Semester Two Report to include:

- A personalised Tutor Teacher comment
- A summary of co-curricular involvement for Semester Two
- An outline of the knowledge and skills covered in each course your child studies
- A summary of your child's achievement grades for Common Assessment Tasks and Examinations in Semester Two subjects
- Summary grades for your child's Attitude, Effort and Homework in every subject

In line with usual practice, parents will be able to access the Semester Two Report for Year 7-10 students electronically via the OLE Parent Portal from Wednesday 5 December. Parents will be notified of this closer to the date.

Reporting in 2020

Information for parents will be provided early in Semester 1 2020 outlining further enhancements to our reporting processes that reflect best practice in the interests of student learning and achievement. Once we have completed an annual cycle of reporting under these enhancements, we would welcome your feedback.

Yours sincerely

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