

Parent – Student – Teacher Conferences 8th & 10th March

What's different?



Timing – early in the year to clarify next learning steps in core subjects and build a shared understanding of these – following on from the information provided in the end of year report



Involvement of your children in a discussion about their learning –For you and your child to get the most out of this your child should be present



Followed up by another round of conferences at the end of Term 2 to review progress and clarify further learning steps



Focused on next learning steps – if there are other matters you would like to discuss e.g. friendships, behaviour, or if you want to have a frank discussion about your child and you don't want them present we encourage you to make a separate appointment with the teacher

What can you expect from the Parent – Student – Teacher Conference?

- Your child will have an opportunity to share
 - a current learning success or achievement
 - a learning challenge or goal they have identified
- To identify a priority next learning step in Reading, Writing, Maths and what needs to be done to achieve this
- An opportunity for you to ask questions, contribute ideas, find out how you can help at home
- The start of a conversation you can continue with your child about aspects of their learning

Why are we doing this?

- Research has demonstrated that student achievement, behaviour and engagement improves when they have a clearer understanding of what achievement looks like, and a clearer understanding of their 'learning journey'
- There is a positive effect on progress and achievement when parents are well informed, share high expectations and a common understanding about learning with their children and teachers
- It builds on key strategic goals to further develop a positive learning focused partnership between home and school and to develop meaningful lifelong learning skills with our students
- It directly supports the values, principles and practices embodied in the New Zealand Curriculum