# Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

## A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

We run three way Parent-Student-Teacher conferences at Yarrabing which means the teacher, student and parent are involved. The conference actively involves parents, students and teachers in reflecting on student progress and setting future goals/targets. A three-way conference acknowledges the most important participants in the learning process – student, teacher and parent. This has been proven to enhance a student's learning.

#### WHAT'S THE BENEFIT?

Often, your child's teacher has a different perspective of them than you might, so it's a great opportunity to find out how your child is in a social situation or group and classroom environment. Three way Conferences provide a student voice to discussions about performance and progress. When students are engaged with their own learning and learning progress they are encouraged to articulate this. They place the student at the heart of the assessment and reporting process. They strengthen the home-school partnership and allow children to see their parents and teacher working together for them.

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE?

The aim of the conference is to allow you some time to ask questions specific to your child's learning and development. Make a booking with the teacher you would like to talk to and make a list of the questions you would like to ask. Each conference will run for a maximum of 5 minutes.

#### WHAT SHOULD I ASK?

Pictured at right are a few questions you could ask your child's teacher. Please feel free to be open and honest with them.

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- 1. What is my child doing well?
- 2. Is my child doing their best?
- 3.ls my child on track with their learning?
- 4. How can I best support my child's learning and growth?



#### WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?

Professor John Hattie identifies "students self-reporting as the most significant indicator linked to raised student achievement".

Dylan William says, "the process of students reflecting on their learning through effective questioning that promotes the articulation of student thinking, is integral to classroom and assessment practices that enhance student learning."

### HOW DO I BOOK?

The Compass guide for parents and families has details on how to book.

https://www.compass.education/guide/#Parent-Teacher-Conferences