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Learning Conferences

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of our reporting to parents, we are holding Learning Conferences this term. The Learning Conferences will be held between Monday 14 August 2023 and Friday 18 August 2023.

Below is information about Learning Conferences, which includes why they are important and the role students, parents/carers and teachers play during their Learning Conference.

Learning Conferences will involve parents, the student and teacher meeting together to discuss work samples and areas of achievements as well as collaboratively developing future learning goals, and coordinating strategies to achieve these goals by the student, parents and the teacher.



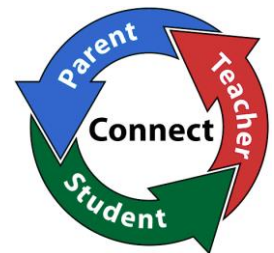
Students have a critical role to play in the Learning Conference, which will highlight their ability to self-monitor and reflect on their learning and strive towards their learning goals.

Why are learning conferences important?

Part of our school vision is to empower our students to discover their strengths and strive for excellence. This is being achieved by supporting our students in the classroom to monitor their own progress, using self-assessment and teacher feedback to reflect on their learning.

Students are then able to consolidate their skills and understanding and collaboratively develop and work towards personal and/or group learning goals.

Learning conferences will enable students to demonstrate their ability to reflect on their learning and foster strong partnerships between themselves, their parents and teacher when celebrating achievement and planning together for future learning.



What is the role of the student, parent/carer and teacher; before, during and after the learning conference?

Student

Before Learning Conference	During Learning Conference	After Learning Conference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect work samples. • Continue self-monitoring of learning, including reflection processes. • Engaging in lessons that model the process of a learning conference. • Complete a learning conference plan which can be used during the learning conference, where appropriate. • Rehearse learning conferences with teachers, SLSO and/or peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share literacy, numeracy and other work samples and be able to discuss ... What, Why & How you were successful and Where to next... • Discuss strengths and challenges. (Celebrate successes!!!) • Collaboratively develop learning goals. • Collaboratively develop ways to be supported with learning at home and at school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief with teacher regarding the learning conferences. • Reflect on new learning goals. • Demonstrate a growth mindset related to new learning challenges. <p>*The amount of scaffolding by the teacher to support the student during the conference will depend on the age and capacity of the student.</p>

Parents/Carers

Before Learning Conference	During Learning Conference	After Learning Conference
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Read material and invitations from the school.● Be supportive of your child's learning.● Spend time having conversations about what your child is learning, has learnt or is intending to learn at school or at home.● Make an appointment with the teacher for another time if there are any concerns about your child's behaviour or learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Listen carefully and ask clarifying questions.● View and provide encouraging comments on work samples, learning progression and achievement.● Be actively engaged in goal setting and determining support at home and at school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Commitment to support learning at home and school.

Teacher

Before Learning Conference	During Learning Conference	After Learning Conference
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Plan and provide opportunities for students to collect literacy, numeracy and any other work samples.● Ensure students have experienced reflection about how their learning is going as a natural and continual part of their learning process.● Ensure they have not only reflected on their learning, but also become comfortable talking about their progress and achievement.● Discuss and model learning conferences with students.● Provide opportunities for students to practise learning conferences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teacher will facilitate conversation between student and parents Re: child's learning. (Facilitation will vary depending on stage and capacity of individual students.)● Teachers will contribute their professional knowledge and expertise to the discussion.● Help clarify student work samples if necessary.● Encourage reflections and feedback from students and parents.● Collaboratively develop learning goals.● Collaboratively develop strategies to support these goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Follow-up on agreed actions from discussion.● Undertake debriefing sessions with students to discuss the conferencing process and to gain feedback.● Support students with their 'Where to next' learning goals and growth mindset.● Evaluate the process with colleagues to make modifications, if necessary.

At Camden Public School we are striving to support students to be actively engaged in their learning and display a growth mindset, where they:

- persist with and embrace challenges,
- see effort and hard work as a way to learn and achieve,
- are inspired by others and
- accept and learn from feedback.

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming learning conferences and the positive conversations that students, parents and teachers will be involved in.

To make a learning conference booking, go to your **COMPASS** parent communication system. Attached are instructions on how to book online.

Parents and carers have access to book learning conferences from Wednesday 2 August until Wednesday 9 August.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tracey Penu



Booking a Learning Conference on the COMPASS parent communication system.

1. Click on the 'Conference' tab.
2. Click on 'CPS Learning Conference'.
3. Click on your child's class. This will open up the available learning conference timeslots.
4. Click on the timeslot you would like and press 'confirm booking'.

Please Note:

Up until Wednesday 9 August 2023, parents and carers are able to remove or change their learning conference timeslot.

If you are having difficulties navigating the online booking system, please contact the school office.