

Written Reports for Primary and Secondary Students

Background

As a parent/carer/guardian you will receive two written reports each year. These reports will help you understand how your child is progressing and how schools support your child's learning against standards. The reports should typically know, understand and be able to do, by the end of each year level.

You are encouraged to read through the standards for each subject area and year level, and when students are expected to achieve them on the Australian Curriculum website: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

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How do teachers allocate grades?

Teachers use a range of different assessment strategies and tools to gather evidence of student achievement with reference to the achievement standards in the Australian Curriculum. Based on the evidence, teachers make an overall judgement to decide which grade best matches the standard the student has achieved. Teachers are not expected to allocate a set number of each grade within a class.

What other forms of reporting do schools provide?

Schools communicate with you about your child's learning in a variety of ways including parent/teacher interviews. You can request interviews at other times by contacting the school to make a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's teacher.



What do A-E grades mean?

A–E grades or word equivalents are used by teachers to report students' achievement against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards. The grades describe a range of achievement from minimal to excellent.

The following table describes each grade in words.

	<i>In relation to the achievement standard, your child ...</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>is demonstrating excellent achievement of what is expected at this year level.</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>is demonstrating good achievement of what is expected at this year level.</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>is demonstrating satisfactory achievement of what is expected at this year level.</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>is demonstrating partial achievement of what is expected at this year level.</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>is demonstrating minimal achievement of what is expected at this year level.</i>

- x An 'A' grade indicates that the student has shown a thorough knowledge and understanding of a topic and can apply that information in unfamiliar situations.
- x Typically a 'C' grade means a student is achieving what is expected of them at that point in their learning. This is a considerable achievement because of the high expectations built in to the achievement standards.
- x An 'E' grade means the student is just beginning to work towards the achievement standard.

A-E grades and the accompanying comments are one aspect of reporting to parents/carers/guardians. The report can also provide information about:

a student's strengths and areas for development

information about their social development

strategies to assist their progress

involvement in school programs and activities

attitude and commitment to learning

attendance

Decisions about the format and content of school based reports are made by schools in consultation with their community.