



# Colonel Light Gardens Primary School

## Parent Information

### Assessment and Reporting

Assessment is an integral part of the teaching and learning process. Our teachers assess all students continually, so we can be sure the program is suitable to the student's level of ability. This is called 'formative assessment' and can include teacher observation, analysis of student work samples, informal class tests and asking students to give feedback or rate their own understanding. Teachers of older students set assignments and give students feedback based on set criteria.

Some standardised tests are used each year to check that students are making adequate progress. We use the results of standardised tests to decide if a student needs any extra help. In Years 3, 5, and 7 students undertake the national tests for literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) and parents receive a report on their child's achievement compared to other children of their year level across Australia.

Reporting to parents includes formal interviews with the teacher twice every year, often with the child also present. We provide two written reports every year and these rate student achievement against the Australian Curriculum standards. They also provide a rating of student effort and teacher comments.

The most important part of our assessment and reporting program is regular communication. If you have questions about your child's progress at any time, please make an appointment with the teacher.

### Camps and Excursions

Camps and excursions are important aspects of your child's curriculum. Details of any events are sent home to parents well in advance of the date of the event. You can speak to your child's teacher about any cultural or religious practices we need to be aware of. This may mean we give your child some time and privacy for prayer at certain times of the day or that we provide a vegetarian menu for your child. At camp boys and girls always sleep separately. Children are supervised by parents and teachers. All parents have police checks before they are allowed to help at camp. Parents must sign consent forms and pay for any costs. The costs might be for transport, for food or to watch a performance. Payments for camps and excursions can be made in installments. You can speak to your child's teacher to arrange this.

### Parent Involvement

Parents make a great contribution to our school in many ways. Some examples are:

- Listening to reading in your child's class
- Helping with Maths groups
- Coach or help organize sports teams
- Share special interests eg dance, sewing or art
- Go on camps and excursions
- Join a committee to help plan events or raise money
- Help prepare lunches in the canteen
- Help in the uniform shop
- Attend working bees to help with gardening
- Sell cakes, help the teacher at Sports Day
- Help make costumes for concerts and assemblies

A video about parent involvement at our school can be viewed at  
[http://colgrdnsp.s.a.edu.au/CLGPS/International\\_students.html](http://colgrdnsp.s.a.edu.au/CLGPS/International_students.html)

**Please speak to your child's teacher about ways you can be involved in your child's school.**

**Caring, Learning, Growing in Partnership to Succeed**

