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Dear Parents of St Josephs,

Report cards have been made available online to all families in our school. Please read the information below that further outlines what the rating means on the reports.

Under the new Australian curriculum (ACARA), students are assessed against the same standards as all other students at their year level, in every Australian state and territory. Whether or not a student receives an A, B or C on their report card will depend on how well they have achieved the required national standard, not on how well they have done compared to others in their class.

Achieving a 'C' means that a student has achieved the required standard for their year level as outlined in the Australian Curriculum. In general, it means that students can remember and understand learning considered essential for their age.

Students who achieve As and Bs are usually required to demonstrate some kind of 'higher order thinking, like applying learning to design a solution to a challenging problem. Getting 100/100 on a test does not guarantee an 'A', unless the test includes questions that requires the more advanced thinking associated with an 'A' standard in the Australian Curriculum.

Students receive a 'D' when they have not yet achieved the required standard, but are working towards it and continue to learn and develop. Students who receive an 'E' are experiencing difficulty and require intervention and support. Whatever mark your child receives, the teacher's comments will tell you how hard they are trying and describe the progress being made.

Parents please take note of the application mark given for each Key Learning Area. This is an opportunity to discuss with your child the level of effort being given to achieve the best possible result in each subject area. That said, you can feel justly proud if your child is applying themselves across the board in all subject areas and should let them know that they have performed well.

If you have any further questions on report cards, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful break over the school holidays,

Deb Mallet
Assistant Principal - Curriculum