



Three Way Learning Conferences

St Michael's School will be holding Three Way Learning Conferences on:

Thursday the 4th of April from 3:30 - 6:30pm

Three Way Learning Conferences are made up of parent(s), pupil and teacher. Each of the three brings something valuable to the conference.

Traditional 'Parent-teacher Interviews' had the teacher telling the parents how their child was doing, and the parents asking some questions to clarify their understanding. Some of that still happens.

There has been a lot of research in recent years showing that it is important for pupils to understand their own learning, and where they need to go to next. That means there is great value in the pupil being a part of the discussion, and contributing thoughts about what they are doing well, and what they need to build up.

During a Three Way Conference, which lasts for fifteen minutes, all three parties should speak about the learning of the child.

Please take time to read about the different responsibilities of each conference member:

How do I prepare as the parent of a child at St Michael's School?

Before: Read material and invitations from the school responding using the appropriate channels. Be positive and supportive of your child and their teacher(s). The conversation is about what they are *learning* not what they are *doing*. Make an appointment for another time if there are concerns about student's learning or behaviour.

During: Listen carefully and answer clarifying questions. View and provide encouraging comments on student work, progress and achievement. Support goal setting and learning intention opportunities by completing sharing two things you are proud of and a suggestion for your child going forward. We call this a two stars and a wish...

After: Support and take an interest in student's next learning steps. Communicate with the teacher or school if you have any concerns in regards to the 3WLC. Take a break in the school's staff room after your interview and share your ideas with the school's principal. Tea/Coffee and nibbles provided.

What will my child's teacher do?

During: will facilitate the conversation between student and parents regarding their child's development

Teacher will contribute their knowledge and expertise to the discussion

Help clarify student work samples if necessary

Act as the encourager, clarify as necessary to ensure the conference runs smoothly

Encourage reflections and feedback from students, parents and self

Record any actions to be taken as a result of decisions

What role will my child have?

Before: Collect work samples that include learning intentions / success criteria, self and peer assessments and feedback and feedforward, practice the reflection process, roleplay

During - Introductions / Share a learning intention and the success criteria / Share an exercise book or a portfolio that shows evidence of that learning taking place / talk about strengths and challenges / state future learning intentions / discuss strategies they will use to reach their learning goals

After Thank parents/whanau for participating in the conference / participate in new activities relative to the learning intentions

You are now able to indicate what time will suit your family by accessing the digital [GOOGLE FORM](#) via the school's app or by phoning the school office.

We look forward to supporting your child in sharing their learning journey here at St Michael's.

In Faith and Fellowship,

Kristina Crouch
Principal/Tumuaki