



MPPS Three-Way Conferences 2019

Parent Guide & Reminder

Just a reminder that the MPPS Three-Way Conferences will be held on Tuesday 23rd July from 2pm -7pm. If you have not yet made your booking, details regarding booking can be found at our school website under "Communication": <http://www.mpp.vic.edu.au/our-school/threewayconferences/>. Bookings close on Monday 22nd July at 9am.

Three-way conferences involve the students and parents along with the teacher. During the three-way conferences, everyone has a role to play. The students demonstrate what they know as they articulate their accomplishments and future learning goals. The parents find out about their children's learning, have the opportunity to ask questions and express their ideas, so they can continue to support their children's learning at home. Teachers facilitate the three-way conversations; they support the learners and the parents by clarifying, elaborating and responding to specific questions and concerns.

The three-way conference is part of the Personal and Social and Critical and Creative Thinking Capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum. It gives students the opportunity to articulate and reflect on their learning. Through self-assessment students are more responsible for and involved in their own learning.

Here are some ideas of sentence starters or questions that you can use to initiate discussion with your child about their learning experiences and future goals:

- That was great; I can see how much you have improved.
- I can see how your [*use of language and punctuation**] has improved.*respond to their learning focus
- You seemed to have really enjoyed learning about...
- You really seemed to have been interested in this topic.
- You presented your work... (well, with pride, so I could understand)...
- I can see how much more you understand because...
- I can see how much thinking you would have had to do, to....
- How has this changed the way you think?
- What makes you say that?
- How can you connect this to your everyday life?
- I can see that you displayed confidence/risk-taking/empathy/independence/commitment/enthusiasm/creativity when you completed this task. (choose one!)
- You should be really be proud of.....
- Perhaps next term you can focus more on.....for a goal.
- Thank you for sharing your learning with me/us, it's so good to have seen what you do at school.

The duration of the interview is 10 minutes. Students will begin by sharing their learning and then there will be opportunity for the parents to ask questions and give encouragement.

If you have concern about specific areas of your child's learning, or social and emotional development, parents and teachers can arrange an alternate time to discuss this either in person or over the phone.

Along with the formal reports at the end of term 2 and term 4, the three-way conference is an integral part of the assessment and reporting process and an opportunity for your child to actively reflect on and demonstrate their learning. We look forward to meeting with you.