



# Student Led Conferences

## **Rationale:**

- To adopt an approach that further includes children in their own education.
- To promote self evaluation and reflection.
- To provide an opportunity for parents, carers, students and teachers in a shared approach to goal setting.

## **Implementation:**

- Parents will be invited by letter to attend with their child to share in a Student Led conference.
- The students will be given information about how the conference will be conducted and what will be discussed. Work sample portfolios will be available for students to share with their family.
- Guidelines for the sessions will be provided to parents and carers to ensure that the discussions are conducted in a positive and constructive manner.
- Part of the allocated time may include the student, parent/s and teacher reviewing the outcomes of the Student Led Conference.
- If teachers require a confidential discussion an interview will be arranged prior to the day.
- Within each teaching team, teachers will be provided with a framework for the conduct of the conference which will include reflection about progress, discussion about work habits and goal setting for the remainder of the year.
- Special school operational times shall be ratified by School Council, at least four weeks prior to the conference, with the desire to maximise parental opportunity to attend at the designated time.

## **Evaluation:**

- Teachers will give feedback through anecdotal evidence.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to comment by responding to a carefully worded questionnaire in the newsletter.
- Children's comments will be collected through class discussion and questionnaire responses.

This policy was last ratified by Torquay College Council in September 2017