

ASSESSMENT POLICY

RATIONALE:

Schools undertake a range of student assessment and reporting activities to support student learning, assist in establishing future direction, and help to identify areas of exemplary performance, as well as those areas in need of support and assistance.

Assessment

Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed and consistent judgments to improve future student learning.

Assessment for improved student learning and deep understanding requires a range of assessment practices to be used with three overarching purposes:

- assessment **for** learning - occurs when teachers use inferences about student progress to inform their teaching
- assessment **as** learning - occurs when students reflect on and monitor their progress to inform their future learning goals
- assessment **of** learning - occurs when teachers use evidence of student learning to make judgments on student achievement against goals and standards.

Reporting

Comprehensive reporting covers three major areas:

- reporting to parents (student reports)
- reporting to the local community (annual reports)
- reporting systemic improvement (national reports).

AIMS:

- To assess school and student performance accurately and comprehensively against state-wide standards.
- To improve student learning by accurately determining current performance as well as areas of future need and development.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Schools are responsible for accurately assessing student achievement against Australian standards and progression points detailed within the Australian Curriculum standards.
- Barwon Heads Primary School has a whole school assessment schedule for teachers, which provides multiple sources of information about student achievement.
- Records of student achievement are kept and teachers use the data they collect to make judgments about and report on student achievement.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle

This policy was last ratified by school Council: (date)