



## **Rationale**

St Lawrence is committed to providing the highest quality teaching and learning programs for its students. The approaches to teaching and learning at St Lawrence aim to improve the outcomes of students by adopting agreed whole school approaches. This shared and inclusive vision is the 'glue' that provides both cohesiveness and connectedness for students and teachers. Assessment of student learning is an integral part of the teaching and learning cycle at St Lawrence Primary School promoting students to be lifelong learners who reach their full potential.

## **Procedures**

St Lawrence implements the Pre-Primary to Year 10 Western Australian Curriculum in accordance with:

- The Policy Standards for Pre-Primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting

## **In relation to Kindergarten**

- Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) describes the principles, practices and outcomes essential to support and enhance young children's learning from birth to five years of age, as well as their transition to school.
- The Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines guide educators to develop Kindergarten curriculum for Western Australian children. It draws from the key ideas and related content from the EYLF to construct curriculum to ensure that all children in Kindergarten experience quality teaching and learning.  
*(School Curriculum and Standards Authority, 2016)*

## **Principles**

Assessment at St Lawrence is ongoing, fair, and educative and occurs in a variety of forms. The assessment of student learning is used to inform whole school curriculum planning including approaches to literacy and numeracy instruction.

Assessment of student learning is based on the following principles:

- Assessment is carefully constructed.
- Assessment provides feedback.
- Assessment considers the diverse needs of students.
- Assessment leads to both informative and informed reporting.
- Assessment leads to school wide evaluation processes.

## **Organisation**

### **Student Assessment**

Students at St Lawrence undertake formalised assessments throughout the year.

*See Assessment Schedule.*

### **Reporting on Student Achievement**

The purpose of reporting, both formal and informal, is to communicate student achievement and progress as well as to provide recommendations for future learning. At St Lawrence we report to parents and carers in relation to the achievement of students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 in terms of the Western Australian achievement standards.

Reporting is provided:

- Formally, in an end of semester report using a five-point scale. The components of the formal report will meet the Policy Standards for Pre-Primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessment and Reporting.
- Informally, throughout the year in a variety of ways and for a variety of reasons, including parent-teacher meetings, parent information sessions, use of see-saw app.
- As requested from the student's parents/carers, providing information on how a student's achievement compares with the student's peer group at the school.

St Lawrence Primary School will:

- Disseminate to parents/carers the reports from national and statewide assessments and, as appropriate, provide opportunity for discussion between teachers and parents/carers.
- Submit to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, when requested, end of Semester Two achievement descriptors/grades for individual Pre- Primary to Year 6 students.

### **Grading Scale for Semester Reports**

Reports are designed to provide, in plain language, an accurate and objective assessment of a student's progress and achievement. The grading scale will outline a student's knowledge, understanding and skill level within the nine Learning Areas and reflects a student's achievement for work undertaken during a particular semester.

The five-point grading scale for semester reports is as follows:

#### **Pre-Primary:**

- The student demonstrates exceptional achievement of what is expected for this year level
- The student has exceeded what is expected for this year level
- The student demonstrates expected achievement for this year level
- The student is working towards what is expected for this year level
- The student has not yet demonstrated what is expected for this year level

### **Year 1 to Year 6:**

- A - The student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level.
- B - The student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.
- C - The student demonstrates satisfactory achievement of what is expected for this year level.
- D - The student demonstrates limited achievement of what is expected for this year level.
- E - The student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.

### **Reporting Cycle**

Term One: Compulsory Parent-Teacher Meetings  
Case Conference Meetings for Parents/Carers of Students on an IEP

Term Two: Individual Student Report at End of Semester  
Review Meetings for Parents/Carers of Students on an IEP

Term Three: Compulsory Parent-Teacher Meetings  
Review meetings for students on an IEP

Term Four: Individual Student Report at end of semester  
Review Meetings for Parents/Carers of Students on an IEP

**Parent-Teacher Meetings may be initiated by either parents/carers or teachers on a needs basis throughout the year.**

### **Additional Support and Alternative Reporting**

Some students may receive additional support from Specialist Support Staff for Literacy, Numeracy, English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD) and/or Students with Disabilities. In these instances, a student may have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). For these students, schools may report on a student's progress/achievement in terms of the modified curriculum in consultation with Parents/Carers.