Growing

A guide to assessment at Australian Christian College
Sir Ken Robinson wrote, “...education is always, essentially and inevitably, personal. I can’t imagine there’s a child anywhere who jumps out of bed in the morning wondering what he or she can do to raise the school district’s reading scores. Students learn best if they’re engaged, interested and motivated personally and, if they’re not, they tune out and turn off. This was always true. It’s even more important to understand this now. Young people are living in the most connected, information-driven period in human history. Their facility with technology and the appetite for networking show how eager they are to learn if the conditions are right. Creating these conditions means customising education to each school, to each community of students, teachers, staff and parents, here and now.”

As a part of Australian Christian College, we enjoy the benefits of a group of schools with access to a wide variety of resources. The support of our group enables us to focus on making education personal for your children.

Assessment is an important part of school life. The purpose of this booklet is to outline our approach to assessment for the purpose of starting a conversation between teachers, parents and students.

At this precious time of life we want every child to succeed and to establish habits that will lead to a lifelong love of learning.

Norm Fitzgerald
Principal

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Spiritually
Your child has many things competing for their affection. At Australian Christian College, we work hard to ensure the school is a positive spiritual influence on your child.

Academically
What we are striving to achieve with our academic program is: For each student to develop a genuine love of learning; and To teach students how to learn.

Socially
We actively encourage the participation of parents, grandparents and friends as a vital aspect of our school community.

Physically
Australian Christian College fosters a competitive spirit in our students. Students are encouraged to strive for their personal best, and at the same time, demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship.

The Whole Child
The purpose of assessment at our school

Assessment facilitates a conversation between parents, students and teachers about the development of the child within the school community.

Assessment also helps us to determine if our educational program is effective. The Australian Government has established the NAPLAN tests to provide a benchmark for ACC students and other learning communities.

“Snapshots” of your child’s learning

We use summative assessment to take snapshots of your child’s learning. Students enrolling at ACC begin with the Compass Literacy and Numeracy Assessment test and the General Ability Test (AGAT) by the Australian Council for Educational Research. This tests provides a window into the student’s development. Students who have learned to read also take part in the PAT-R and the PAT-SPG test.

Are you interested in how these tests help your child to learn? Come along to one of our parent information evenings.

ACC students in Year 3 and Year 5 sit for the NAPLAN tests in May. The NAPLAN tests provide a snapshot of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

Coaching for success

Our teachers are qualified professionals who love learning and seeing your child succeed. They provide daily feedback on the content and attitudes of your child in the classroom.

You might see an example of this in a annotated student activity book, school diary or through a matrix which shows students exactly where they excelled and where they need to continue to work on.

Your child will receive a report card at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.
Digital Assessment

Australian Christian College has access to a suite of digital products to assist with assessment. The college uses these tools as an enhancement to the teacher-directed learning program.

**learning.acc.edu.au** is the home of our online learning management system. Teachers, parents and students can access a shared gradebook and communicate online.

All ACC students have access to **Mathletics**. Mathletics assesses student ability using game-based learning and online competition against students of a similar ability.

All ACC students have access to **Literacy Planet**. Literacy Planet uses the same model as Mathletics with an emphasis on literacy, grammar and spelling.

ACC students in years F-2 have access to **Reading Eggs**. This software is specifically designed to build confidence in reading.
It’s all about the children! Let’s talk.

Our school community is committed to working together for great learning. If you have any questions, please contact one of our teachers or our Principal for a conversation.