

E-reporting on Lateral Learning skills

As we prepare our students for a future in which the skills of critical and creative thinking, communication and problem-solving will be ever more important and highly valued by employers and universities alike, students in Years 7 to 9 have already begun to have these skills recognised in a Lateral Learning e-report.

All Year 7 students have now completed workshops in Research and Critical Thinking in which they have learnt how to write a bibliography and avoid plagiarism through effective summarising and paraphrasing techniques. Additionally, in their Science, Maths and Technology Mandatory classes, students have developed core skills in STEM. Assessments completed in these subject areas allow students to develop their spatial skills through learning the fundamentals of drawing construction, understanding 2D and 3D shapes and using CAD programs to create their own designs.

Year 8 students continue their Lateral Learning e-report journey in the areas of Communication and Literary Engagement. Students develop skills in public speaking, including correct manner and matter, and learn how to use digital forms to present engagingly. Furthermore, they reflect metacognitively on how they have been able to draw on literature to develop empathy and gain inspiration for their creative writing. Students will be assessed in these areas through tasks in English, History and PDHPE.

This year, a broader range of Lateral Learning skills will be assessed through the Year 9 Global Citizens program. This course allows students to consider the roles and responsibilities that come with being a global citizen, with a particular focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Throughout the year, students will identify a global issue of interest to them, consider multiple perspectives on an issue, analyse information from a wide range of sources, work collaboratively to develop an innovative response to a problem and select appropriate visual and digital tools to present information.

If you have a daughter in Years 7 to 9, you will be able to see outcomes appearing on her Lateral Learning e-report by the end of Term 1, and they will continue to appear as the year progresses and relevant tasks are completed.

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