Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Student Led Conferences

Our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be presenting their learning, in their Student Led Conference at the end of this term. The Student Led Conference is, as the name suggests, a presentation led by your child on their progress towards their learning goals and ‘showing off’ their work as evidence of their learning. Your child will plan the content, timing and evidence for their conference with the support of their mentor teacher. Their audience is you, as parents/guardians, and your child’s mentor teacher.

Your child will lead their conference during **Thursday 15 September 4:00pm-7:00pm** or **Friday 16 September 9:00am - 1:30pm**, in their learning community. Each conference is 15 minutes long, giving your child time to present their learning and for you to ask questions of them. Bookings are open from 8:30am Friday 2 September on the Parent Portal at [www.whc.vic.edu.au](http://www.whc.vic.edu.au), and we encourage you to get in early if your available times are restricted. If you require assistance please ring the college office on 5277 1177. Students should attend school on Thursday 15 September as usual, and on Friday 16 September only to take part in their scheduled conference.

Your role, as parent, in the Student Led Conference is to encourage your child in their preparation and attend the conference. During the conference you should provide encouragement and praise, asking questions about your child’s learning. The benefits of your child leading their own Student Led Conference are significant. Students reflect on their learning, organise their tasks and thoughts into a presentation and communicate this to an authentic, interested audience. As the timelines are tight, allowing every child the opportunity for a conference, you will understand that teachers will keep to the times allocated and conclude the conference after 15 minutes.

I know that you child’s mentor teacher is looking forward to the Student Led Conference that your child will present. Please note that Mrs Blakebrough and Mrs George are not available on Thursday due to their part time employment.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Robyn Anderson
Middle Years Principal