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Dear Parents / Guardians

Beginning with the Parent/Teacher Consultations this afternoon and evening, the Arndell Anglican College Junior School Student Portfolio of each student, will become available to parents/guardians for your interest, information and comment.

Please note that the new Student Portfolios do not take the place of School Reports in the Junior School. Rather they are designed to supplement and to add on-going detail and insight to the process of reporting. They support the communicating of each child’s progress and development in an incremental way – term by term.

So, whilst there will not be any change to any aspect of the Junior School Report, what we have now designed is a joined up process, with communication and partnership in learning at its core.

This makes the first ‘delivery’ of Student Portfolios a very exciting day for us! The Student Portfolios are a product of a great deal of professional thought and very focused work by all of the staff of the Junior School. We have spent a great deal of time thinking together about how to make the way we assess children – and communicate the results of that assessment – as positive and practicably informative as we can.

The Junior School Student Portfolios are a key feature of this renewed way of thinking. They place the individual profile and development of each child right at the centre of things – not as a summative line of isolated marks, but in a way that explains tasks, assesses them to a standard criterion and then identifies and celebrates growing points for each student.

In this way Student Portfolios both identify growing points for each child in their learning and continue to develop, and make wider and deeper, an informed partnership between us, as your child’s Junior School and you, as parents.

That’s why we do see the development of Student Portfolios at Arndell Anglican College Junior School as being such an exciting, important and very positive development!

We do hope that you will agree – and will take time to celebrate, affirm and encourage your child’s progress as you kindly take opportunity to talk through with him/her all that is included in this very special, very individualised, living record of each student’s progress, for Term 1 - and then throughout 2013 - at Arndell Anglican College Junior School.

Yours sincerely

Rev Keith Peterson

Head of Junior School