



Parua Bay School

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

This year's student led conferences will be held on **Tuesday 27 March (3.00 – 7.00 p.m.) and Wednesday 28 March (3.00 – 5.30 p.m.)**

To access the booking site you type in www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (all lower case) and then enter the code 24z84 (all lower case).

The culture of self-management is now becoming embedded throughout the school and there is a focus on students being at the centre of their own learning. Student agency is one of our focus areas over the next three years in the Strategic Plan part of the Charter. Your child(ren) will have been prepared for these meetings by their teachers, and they will have pre-determined goals, which they will discuss with you and the teachers. Therefore, your children ***MUST*** attend the meetings with you. In this way we are empowering the students to take control of their own learning, and give them the opportunity to discuss ways in which they can improve their results. This aligns with the **New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies** of "managing self, thinking, relating to others, participating & contributing".

If you have more than one child at the school it is important to book up your interview times as early as you can so that you can have time slots which are close together. Please don't have meetings back to back otherwise you won't be able to get from one meeting to the next on time. Please state your **FULL** name when booking and your child's **FULL** name as this will help the teacher. The meetings are 10 minutes long and will be student-centred; of course, it is possible to ask the class teacher to have a private chat with them without the student present for part of the time, but I would encourage you to give your child(ren) the opportunity to discuss their goals and their learning with you .

All conferences will be facilitated by the home room teacher in their classrooms. If your child has different teachers for literacy and numeracy, the home room teacher will have discussed your child's progress with that teacher and will have all the information available. There will be a supervision facility, located in the Hall, for parents with more than one child so that meetings can run smoothly.

When you have followed all the steps to book the interviews you can print off the times or have them e-mailed to you. If you do not have internet facilities you can phone the school office and speak to Carol, who will book you a time. If you would like to read more about the philosophy underpinning the student led conferences, you will find these readings on the school's new website under the "Documents" heading.

Yours truly,

Danny Jewell
Principal Parua Bay School