

## Guidelines for reporting student achievement Years 1 - 10 to parents Frequently Asked Questions for parents and guardians

### What is the new reporting system?

All schools throughout Australia are required to report on Years 1 -10 student achievement using a five point scale labeled A – E or equivalent.

### Will schools completely change the way they are reporting?

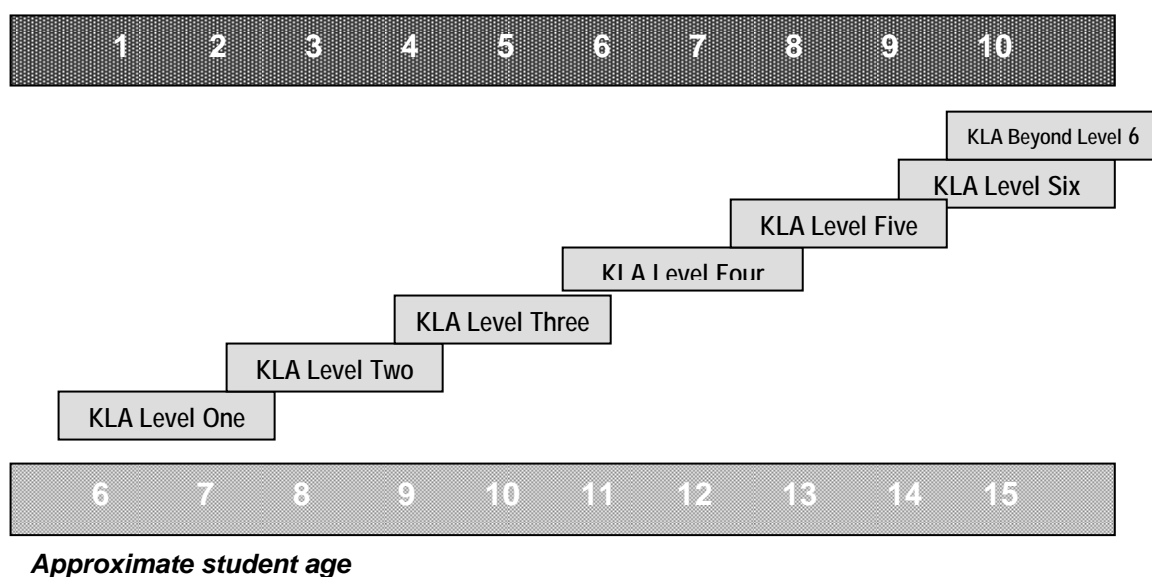
No. Schools are encouraged to continue with their existing reporting practices with the new reports an addition to the schools existing methods of reporting.

### What does the five point scale mean?

The five point scale will tell you how your child is progressing in a subject against the state-wide standard outcome levels.

Each subject or KLA is organised into seven levels that span from approximately Year 1 to Year 10. The diagram below illustrates how learning progresses through the levels, across the grades and ages. It is possible for a student to stay in a level for more than one year but still be progressing.

#### Grade or Year Level



The gradings will mean:

- A** Achieving well above the expected level
- B** Achieving above the expected level
- C** Achieving at the expected level
- D** Achieving below the expected level
- E** Achieving well below the expected level

These grades apply across the year cohort, not just to the class group.

**Does a C grade mean a student's work is 'only adequate or satisfactory'?**

A 'C' indicates that your child is working at a level that is the state-wide standard for children of their age and their learning is on track.

**Does a D or E mean a student's work is of a poor or extremely poor standard?**

Not all students meet the standards expected for their year level all of the time. It is common that students may make better progress in some areas than in others. If your child receives a D or an E, it is important that you consult your child's teacher and discuss the progress made during the semester.

**When will students receive this new report?**

The five point scale will be part of the reports in all Queensland schools by the end of 2006.

**Why has the new A-E reporting system been introduced?**

As part of the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together-Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004 and Regulations 2005*, schools throughout Australia agreed to implement a student achievement report that uses common reporting elements throughout Australia. The Australian Government's new regulations require that the reports:

- ✓ Are provided in writing at least twice a year
- ✓ Use 'plain English' that is easily understood by all parents and guardians
- ✓ Include five point grading levels (A-E) for students in all learning areas taught, assessed and monitored each semester.

**Can I find out how my child is progressing compared to others in their year level?**

Yes, providing your child's year group contains more than 20 students. For schools with greater than 20 students per year level, you will be able to ask for a summary of the number of other children in the same year level who achieved the five grades (A-E) in each KLA. Information that compares students' achievement will not be provided where there are less than 20 students in a year level due to possible breaches of privacy. Parents will not be able to access the grading(s) of an individual student(s) other than those of their own child.