



# Learning and Teaching

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## GRADE MEETINGS

This week, in a characteristic model of professional collaboration, the teachers met with Michael and myself to discuss data and observations regarding their class so far this year. The teachers have spent the first few weeks ascertaining learner strengths and difficulties and having done so, can best plan for their cohort.

These meetings known as **Grade Meetings** are a pivotal part of our Term 1 calendar as teachers are able to identify learning needs and plan a way forward for their students. This means that needs at all levels can be met. Student needs can be met through a differentiated curriculum delivered by the class teacher. This could be individualised or as part of small groupwork. Student needs can also be met, as outlined in last week's newsletter, with support as part of the Learner Diversity program. Students learn at their pace and level of capability, but *all* require support in order to continue to progress along the learning continuum. This could mean that some students require support to achieve basic success while others require support to further extend knowledge and skills.

Our teachers are well versed in analysing data and identifying programs that can best support the learners in their class. The structures we have in place at St Kieran's allow our staff to work as a group of professionals, sharing knowledge and expertise to best support our students.

Have a lovely weekend.

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