### Casuarina Street Primary School

# **ELFs @ CSPS**



Evidence of Learning Folio Draft Policy

#### 2013-2015

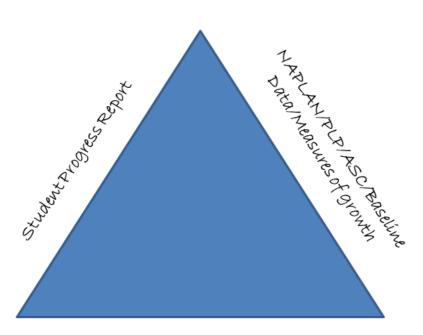




Evidence of Learning Folios are in place to:

- Showcase the work used to make a judgement on student performance across Curriculum areas.
- Provide opportunities for a student to reflect on his/her work.
- Enable a student to monitor his/her own progress and achievement.
- Reveal a student's progress over time to the student, teachers and parents.
- Make studentwork and achievement available to others for information, evaluation and in planning next steps.
- Improve forms of evidence used in parent-teacher conferences and allow students to 'tell their story'.

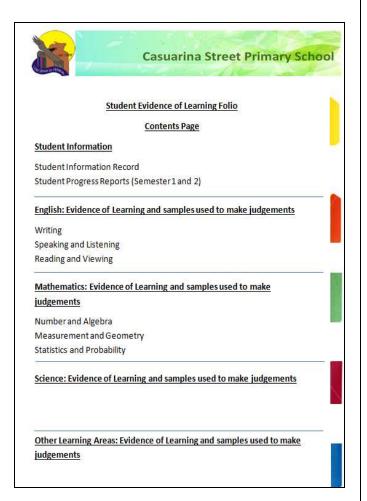
## A Triangulation of evidence



Evidence of Learning Folio

ELFs form part of a triangulation of evidence at CSPS, where our standardised testing through NAPLAN provides progress to whole school, regional and national targets; our baseline data demonstrates growth within a year alongside an A-E measure which shares student performance at expected level. Evidence of Learning Folios provide the story behind these judgements and the samples used towards the outcomes shared in our progress reports to parents. They also allow us to celebrate and provide the qualitative evidence which demonstrates the growth and achievements of our students.

### Organisation



Evidence of Learning Folios are organised into the following sections, Student Information, English, Mathematics, Science and Other Learning areas.

All evidence is placed in a Blue ring bound folder with the student's picture on the front and his/her name along the spine.

The back may be used if students wish to place in information or stimulus to that current year that provides further ease in locating their ELF.

Colour coded dividers relating to these areas should be used to separate evidence of learning and information within the folio.

Plastic pockets can be used sparingly, but students should be able to open out evidence to share with others easily. Pockets should not be used for evidence students would like to share in the Early Years team. In most cases, evidence can be holepunched and inserted into the folio.

Student information details are provided by the administration team using an existing template; this can be provided when establishing ELFs for new students. Copies of Student Progress Reports are also included in the student information section.

- Staff new to CSPS should be inducted in the use of ELFS as part of our Programming, assessment and Reporting Handbook when they first join the school.
- ELFs for any students commencing should be in place within 5 weeks of their enrolment at CSPS.
- ELFs should be stored in classrooms and be visible so students can access them to share at any time.
- ELFs will be handed in at the end of the year (Week 10) and re-organised by the administration team into new classes for teachers to collect prior to the start of the New Year to ensure familiarisation with the achievements of students.

## Expectations for Evidence Provided

- An **on balance judge ment** is made for each grade assigned/judgement made
- At least 3 pieces of evidence should be available to support each judgement made in all modes, strands and Learning areas. A piece of evidence may demonstrate elements of standards across a number of learning areas or across strands within a learning area. It is important that these connections can be made.
- All tasks assessed **need to be related to the teaching/learning program undertaken** in class and in line with the CSPS WSCAP for reporting requirements during that Semester.

#### **Providing a Context**

For work samples included in an ELF there must be a Context provided including:

- 1. Description of task and process towards the evidence used
- 2. Level of support provided to a student (Independent(I), With Little Support (WLS), With Support (WS) or Significant Support Required to complete task (SS)
- 3. Judgement made (A-E)

**CSPS Evidence of Learning Summary Records** should be used to highlight where elements of the achievement standards have been demonstrated. Teachers may choose to use a separate format to share their context, or adapt the record to include this, but highlighting within the standard should be available to provide an indication of overall achievementor next steps required. Records are available for all subject areas and will be created to reflect further AC areas as they are released.

#### Evidence may take the form of:

- Picture s/Photographice vidence
- Che cklists against an Achie ve ment Standard
- Observations
- Planning/drafting and process towards a final product
- Written samples
- Ongoing teacher records/conversations/ comprehension activities
- Vide os/footage/electronic forms of evidence
- Independentsamples/journals/investigations/ project outcomes
- Formal assessments/timed and standardised assessment materials

Mathematics		Name of Student:		
Evidence of Learning Summary Record (2-5)		Teacher:	Class:	
On Bal	ance Judgement in strands at	Number and Algebra	Measurement and Geometry	Statistics and Probability
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#### Maintenance

- ELFs should be maintained in line with the expectations of the CSPS Assessment and Reporting timeline shared each semester with all teaching staff. Evidence older than 18 months old (3
   Semesters) can be sent home with students for them to keep. This is to ensure that students can see progress in work across this period and share this with others.
- **ELFs are established in Preschool** and the evidence included (as well as Preschool report) links directly to the Outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework and the Assessment of Student Competencies. This evidence, linked to a particular outcome or competency is included in ELF to provide transition teams a starting point at the beginning of a student's first formal year of schooling.
- For students leaving CSPS, the content of the ELF may be taken with them in certain cases (see below), but the organisational elements and the folderitself should be retained by the school for use with another student.
- For a student moving to a school interstate- all contents of the ELF (excluding organisational) can be sent with the family to support a new school in building a picture of their achievement. A formal request for the interstate transfer of additional materials is made by the new school following enrolment.
  - <u>Within NT</u>- ELF contents are retained to be sent to a new school when a request for studentre cords is made upon enrolment.
- For students identified by the school, parents/family or previous school as likely to be remaining at CSPS for a short period of time, evidence should be kept in a transitioning folder (this may hold evidence for a number of students) until the period of time shared in 'Organsiation' has passed and an ELF can be created or it is identified that the student will remain at CSPS.
- An audit for materials needed for additional students are made by the Administration team at the end of the term prior to reporting (Terms 1 and 3) and teachers provide requests for additional resources which are then prepared for the start of the following term.
- A sample of ELFs are collected and reviewed at the end of each reporting period to ensure alignment with expectation in this policy and to provide support where necessary. This will happen in week 8 of terms 2 and 4.
- Following the completion of school photos in term 1, new photograph cover sheets are provided for the start of term 2 to be added to existing ELFs.
- Following end of term 4 reporting and conferencing require ments (see 'Links with Community') ELFs are collected and provided to administration staff to collate into new class groups.

## Links with community

- Information about CSPS ELFs is included in **Parent Handbooks**, on the school website, provided through school newsletters and information open days.
- ELFs should be used in establishing new targets for Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) with all students before the end of term 1 for that academic year.
- ELFs should also form a large part of any formal Parent/Teacher interviews conducted as part of PLP reviews towards targets set during the acade mic year.
- An information evening to clarify the use of ELFs in 'progress towards' standards in Semester 1 and 'Achievement of' the standards in Semester 2 is provided to parents during term 2 each year, to provide darification in support of the release of mid-year reports.
- **Surveys will be completed** on a yearly basis with parents to seekfeedback and suggestions for ways in which they would like to see evidence at CSPS used for 'Links with the Community'.
- Moderated evidence produced as a result of inter-team, school or cross-school moderation should be included in ELFs as validated evidence and used to support other judgements being made and to increase the validity of these across subject are as.
- The use of Learning Journeys and Student Portfolios within Preschool and Transition teams complement the ELFs with key evidence from these being included in ELFs in Preschool and providing an easily shared bank of evidence for students to explain to parents and family.
- In Transition, although not formally reporting on student achievement in English and Mathematics, explicit links to elements of the Foundation Achievement Standard met by a sample of evidence are included within a Learning Journey sample. This is in place to support parents understanding of the standards and also how the evidence relates to an element of it.
- Specialist teams work alongside class teachers to ensure the evidence they provide on student achievement is included and also can be shared confidently by students and teachers.

