Clarifying Comment About 2011 Classes

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Yesterday you received a note about 2011 Classes and Staffing. On the note it stated:

“Classes will be grade-based where possible, as a result of parent and staff survey feedback. Mathematics classes will be ability grouped across stages, not grades. These classes will begin from Week 3.”

This means that, where possible, a child’s class will contain students of only one grade/year of schooling (for example: all students in Year 1 will be grouped with other Year 1 students).

Students may be grouped in a composite class (for example: Year 1 and 2 students together) if this supports the school in reducing class sizes.

Student classes will not be graded on ability except in Mathematics for Year 1 to 6 students.

Mathematics classes in Years 1 to 6 will contain students from 2 grades (Years 1 and 2 will be together in some cases, Years 3 and 4 may be together and Years 5 and 6 may be together, depending on the ability of the students). Students will be grouped according to their ability level in Mathematics.

At Merimbula Public School students are placed in graded Mathematics classes so that the content presented within each particular Mathematics class represents the knowledge, skills and understanding that are to be worked towards within the students’ stage of learning. With students learning at different rates and in different ways, the students are grouped so that they are provided with the opportunity to focus on their current needs.

Yours sincerely,

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