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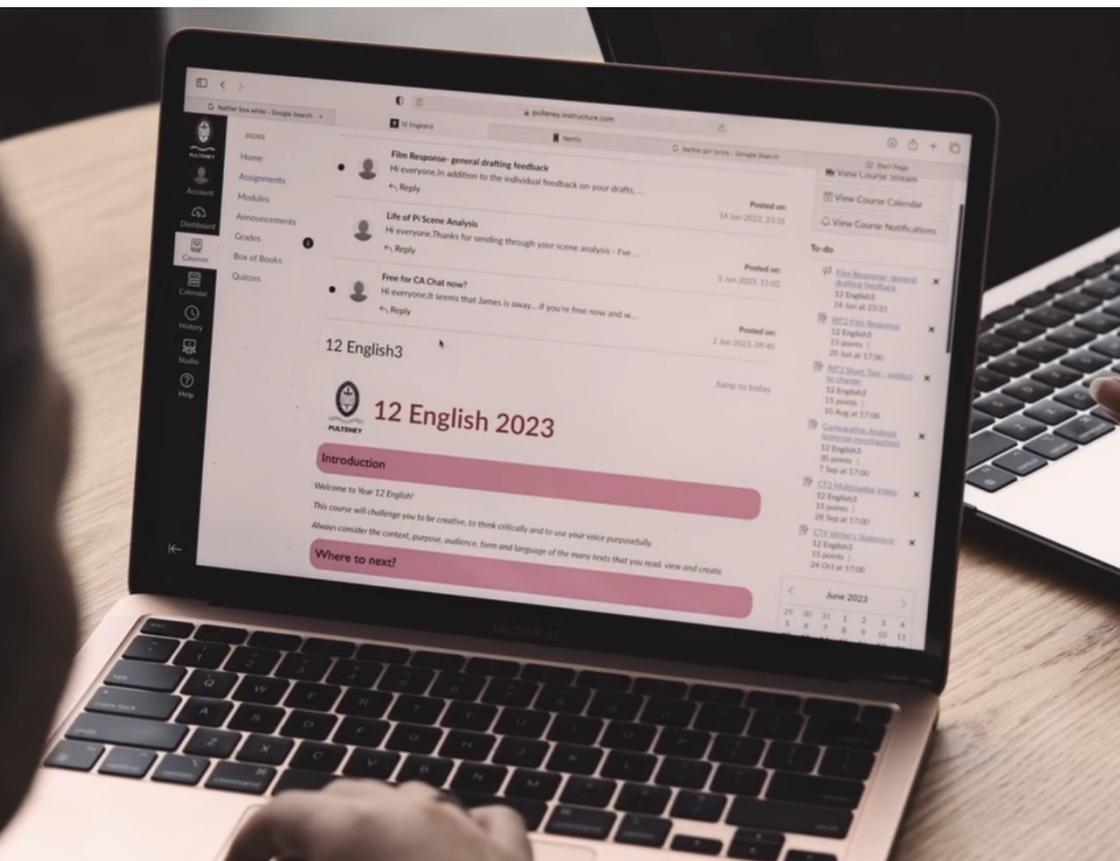


Canvas at Pulteney

What is Canvas?

Pulteney utilises the Canvas learning management system (LMS) for students across Year 7 to Year 12. This is one element in facilitating our vision for high quality, personalised and continuous online feedback for students.

Canvas is one the most innovative and adaptable platforms in the LMS landscape, providing a safe, robust, and future-proofed online environment for us to design personalised Pulteney courses, enabling students, parents and teachers to share and exchange detailed information about the teaching and learning process as it develops for each student.



What is continuous reporting?

Continuous reporting refers to an approach where student progress and achievement are communicated to parents and students on an ongoing basis throughout the academic year. It moves away from the traditional practice of providing report cards or progress reports at fixed intervals, such as at the end of each semester or year.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a student's progress in '07 English2'. The top status bar shows the time as 11:16 and 98% battery. The app header includes a 'Back' button and the course title '07 English2'. Below the header are three tabs: 'Marks', 'Syllabus', and 'Summary', with 'Marks' selected. The main content area lists various assignments with their due dates and submission status. A blue chat bubble icon is visible in the bottom right corner.

Marks	Syllabus	Summary
Total Mark		N/A
Module 1: Espionage, Gadgets, Spies...OH MY!!! (Spy Narrative)		
	Spy Folio Mission 1 - Create a Spy Profile Due 17 Feb 2023 at 11:59 pm Submitted	16 / 20 (B)
	Spy Folio Mission 2 - Villain Backstory Due 3 Mar 2023 at 11:59 pm Submitted	18 / 20 (A)
	Spy Folio Mission 3 - Annotated Gadget Drawing Due 15 Mar 2023 at 11:59 pm Submitted	15 / 20 (B)
	Spy Narrative Due 6 Apr 2023 at 5:00 pm Late	16 / 20 (B)
Module 2: Book Trailers		
	Part 1: Persuasive Pitch for Greenlighting of Book Trailer Due 15 May 2023 at 11:59 pm Late	14 / 15 (A)
	Part 2: Create Your Book Trailer Due 16 Jun 2023 at 5:00 pm Submitted	16 / 20 (B)
Module 3: Storytelling, Ethics, and Emotions in Parvana (Novel St...		
	Reflective Writing Portfolio on Parvana Due 30 Aug 2023 at 5:00 pm Late	
	Creative Document to Parvana	

What does continuous reporting involve at Pulteney?

1. **Regular feedback:** Teachers provide frequent feedback on student performance, both in terms of academic achievement and other areas like learner attributes and effort. This feedback can be in the form of written comments, discussions, or audio files.
2. **Ongoing assessment:** Assessments are conducted regularly to gauge student learning and progress. These assessments can be formative (assessing learning during instruction) or summative (assessing learning at the end of a unit or project). Teachers use the results to inform instruction and provide feedback.
3. **Individualised reporting:** Instead of relying solely on standardised grades or marks, continuous reporting focuses on providing personalised and detailed feedback for each student. It highlights strengths, areas for improvement, and specific recommendations for further development.
4. **Parent and student involvement:** Continuous reporting aims to foster a partnership between teachers, parents, and students. Students are encouraged to actively engage with the feedback, ask questions, seek clarification, and participate in discussions about progress.

What are the benefits of continuous reporting?

Our goal is to create a more dynamic and informative feedback loop to support student learning and growth. The benefits of continuous reporting are as follows:

1. **Increased awareness:** Parents and students have a better understanding of individual progress and can address areas needing improvement promptly.
2. **Timely interventions:** Teachers can identify and address learning gaps or challenges early on, providing targeted support and interventions.
3. **Enhanced communication:** Continuous reporting promotes ongoing communication between teachers, parents, and students, fostering a collaborative and supportive learning environment.
4. **Student ownership:** Regular feedback empowers students to take ownership of their learning, set goals, and track their progress over time.
5. **Holistic view:** Continuous reporting considers various aspects of a student's development, including academic, social, and emotional growth, providing a more comprehensive picture of their overall performance.

For more information about Canvas at Pulteney please visit <https://parents.pulteney.sa.edu.au/canvasatpulteney/> where you can view explanatory videos including insights from our students, teachers and learning leaders.

Will teacher parent learning conferences and end of semester reports still be offered?

Face-to-face learning conferences will continue to be held across the school each semester. Parents can also make a time to speak with individual teachers at any stage throughout the year. Following a successful trial, the written subject comments in semester reports have been phased out, so that we can instead realise the significant benefits of continuous and targeted real-time reporting.

How are teachers using Canvas?

As a result of significant training and professional development in Canvas, teachers are now building all courses in Canvas and using it to deliver written feedback. Last year, Pulteney teachers wrote more than 1,000,000 words of feedback in Canvas for students, with additional audio and video feedback on some tasks.

Can I communicate with my child's teacher via Canvas?

The current communication channels will be maintained, and parents are invited to contact class teachers and tutors directly via email or by phone to discuss any matter relating to their child's academic or pastoral needs.

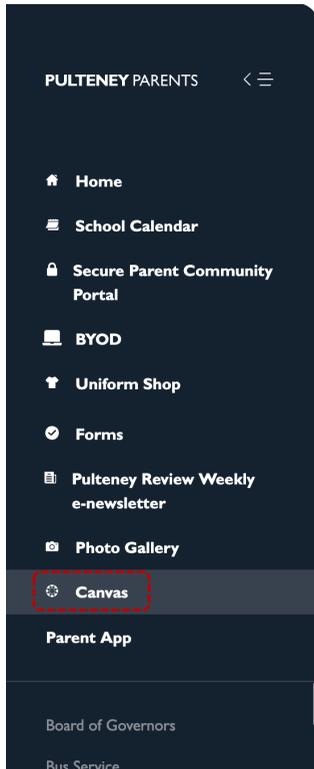
Direct messaging through the Canvas parent app is the least efficient way to contact a teacher, as its core purpose is to be a learning platform for students.

Can I access all information via the Canvas Parent mobile app?

The mobile app provides simple information about upcoming deadlines on the calendar, notifications, tasks, and grade results. However, the website provides greater functionality and access to teacher feedback on the tasks and learning.

More information

For more information, visit the Pulteney Parent Portal and click 'Canvas'.



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*For further assistance and queries,
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