

### **OVERVIEW**

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update you family contact information
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports and Progress Reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

### **ACCESSING COMPASS**

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store.

Every family receives a separate login to Compass, which will be provided to you by the school. If you are having trouble finding the Compass link for your school you can go to <a href="http://schools.compass.edu.au">http://schools.compass.edu.au</a> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.



### LOGGING IN TO COMPASS

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by the school.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can recover your details by clicking the 'Can't access your account?' link on the front page.

# THE COMPASS HOME SCREEN

The home screen provides you with relevant alerts and news, as well as quick access to your child's profile.

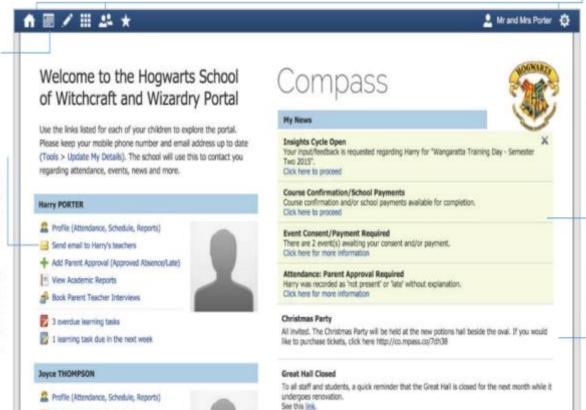
#### School Calendar

View details of upcoming events, your child's timetable and other relevant school-wide activities.

#### Your children

Provides you with a quick summary of available options and highlights a summary of upcoming and overdue tasks.

To access more information click on the relevant quick link or select profile to access detailed information about your child



#### Main Menu

Allows you to access other Compass and school resources. The tools icon allows you to update your contact details and change your password.

#### Alerts

Custom notifications for items that require your action or attention. These may include excursion notifications, ordering options for school photos, absence notifications, surveys, student report availability and more.

#### News

Recent school news items and information relevant to you. This may include newsletters, details of upcoming events and much more.

### MENUS AND FUNCTIONS









The Home icon will take you back to the Home page.

The Calendar icon will take you to the school calendar, where you will be able to see the schedules of your students, as well as any school events or activities that have been entered to the calendar.

The Pencil icon will bring up the Teaching and Learning menu, from which you can access Learning Tasks and School Resources if these are available from your school.

The Grid icon will bring up the Organisation menu, from which you can access Events/ excursions.

The Two People icon will bring up the Community menu, from which you can access Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences and School Documentation.

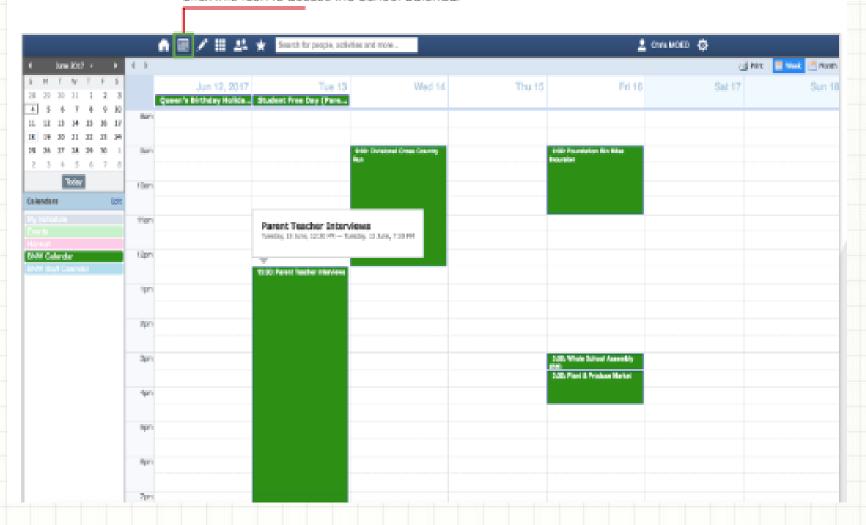
The Star icon will bring up the Favourites menu, where any websites that the school has added will be linked.

To the right of the screen, your name will display, with the Cog icon, which will bring up the Tools menu, from which you can access your Payments, your Files, reset your password, update your contact details, and log out.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR



Click this icon to access the School Calendar



### STUDENT PROFILE

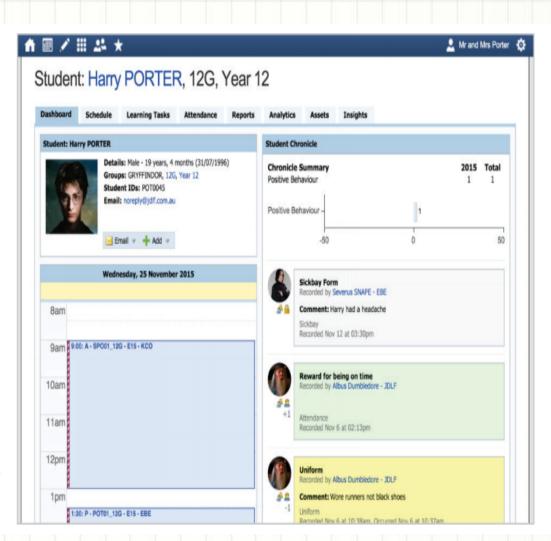
#### Student Profile

Everything for your child, in one place.

The student profile can be accessed by clicking on your child's name from the home screen.

The student profile dashboard provides you with an overview of today's classes and activities, the ability to email your child's teachers, and a summary of teacher observations (Student Chronicle).

For more detailed information, including assessment tasks, attendance, surveys and academic reports, navigate through the tabs along the top of the profile.



### ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Using Compass you can view up-to-the-second attendance information for your child.

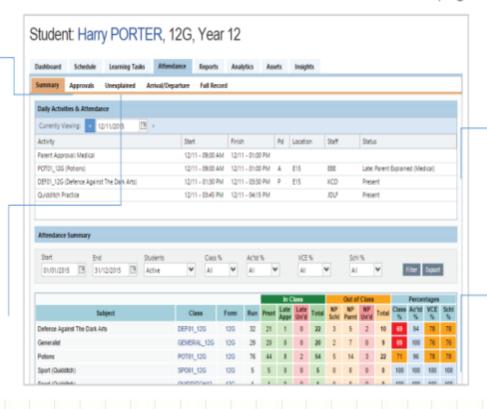
To view your child's attendance, click on the Student Profile link on the home page and click the Attendance tab.

#### **Approvals**

This sub-tab provides a comprehensive list of attendance explanations for your child. From this tab you can also add absence notices (both past and future).

#### Unexplained

This sub-tab provides a list of all unexplained absences from class. From this tab you can click to approve specific absences.



#### Daily Snapshot

Provides a quick snapshot of today's classes and your child's attendance marking.

#### Attendance Summary

Includes a summary of attendance in each class. For full details about a specific absence, click the appropriate number in the grid. For an explanation of a heading item, hover your mouse over the heading of interest.

When students are marked 'Not Present' in class this can sit in one of three different categories. These include:

NP Schl - Not present in class and is explained by school related activity.

NP Parnt - Not present in class and is explained by a parent approval.

NP Unap - Not present in class with no explanation entered.

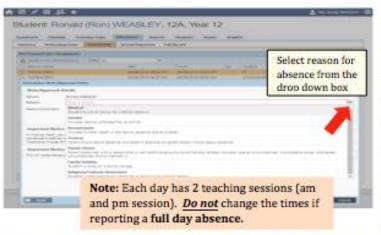
### STUDENT ABSENCES

#### Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required

Ron was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation. Click here for more information

Clicking on this notification will take you to the Unexplained tab for that child's attendance, where you can choose to add a Note or Approval for one or more absences. To add a note or approval, select one or more of the absences listed, then select the 'Explain with Note/Approval' button.

Please note that you cannot edit you notes or approvals after they've been created. If you do need to make any amendments please contact your school, as they can do this for you. If your child has any unapproved absences you will receive an alert on your Compass home page letting you know this, and allowing you to add a Note or Approval.



#### Adding a Note/Approval for Absence in advance



You can enter notes and approvals in advance, if you know that your child is going to be absent from school (e.g. sick).

To do this from your homepage, click on the 'Add Attendance Note/Approval' link listed underneath the name of the relevant student.

This will take you to the Attendance screen, with a pop-up window to enter details of the note or approval. Here you can select the applicable date range - in the future if required.

## VIEWING ACADEMIC REPORTS

#### Viewing Academic Reports

From the home screen, click on the 'View Academic Reports' item or navigate to the student profile and click the 'Reports' tab.

A list of Academic Reports will be displayed. Click the Report title to download the PDF on to any device.





### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On the home screen, beside the student you wish to make bookings for, click 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews'.

A list of parent-teacher interview cycles will be displayed along with their booking status. Click "My Bookings" on the relevant cycle.





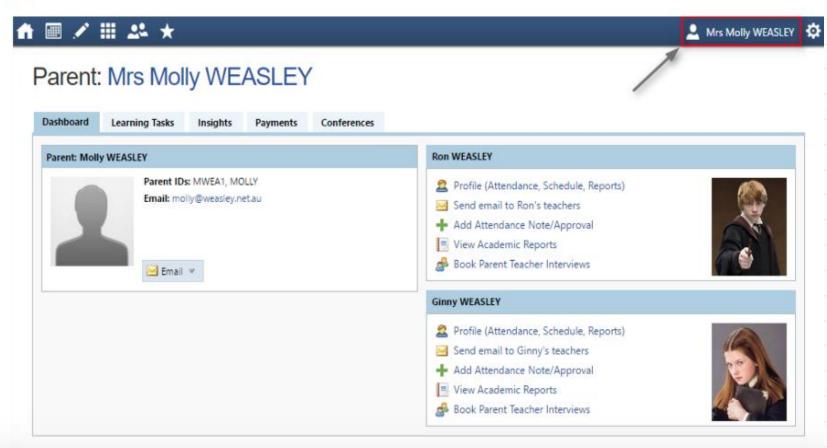
Your booking sheet will be displayed and will show all available booking times. Click on a time in the grid to display teachers available for booking at that time, and then click the teacher's name to make your booking.



You can view a teacher's availability by clicking on the teacher's name on the right side of the booking page.

## PARENT PROFILE

Clicking on your own name at the top right of Compass will take you to your own profile. This page includes information such as the email address stored on Compass, links to your students' profiles. Learning tasks, Insights, Payments and Conferences can also be accessed from the Parent Profile.



**NEED HELP** - If you need help with Compass please contact the School Office.

