

Student Engagement

Following is the Darling Point Special School Student Engagement Checklist, developed as part of the school's neuroscience and mathematics research project from 2017 – 2019.

Instructions: Put a cross on each line to show how well each student does on each descriptor each week.

Student: Date: Week ending:

Behaviour

Following class rules; responding positively to staff directions and requests L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Persisting L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Cooperating; fitting in with the group L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Being self-directed L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Asking questions, contributing to lessons and discussions L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Attending to tasks L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J

Emotional connection

Shows interest; involved and invested in activities L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Motivated L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Happy L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Willing to undertake challenging tasks L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Enthusiastic L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Shows positive emotions to work, classmates, staff L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Confident L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Enjoys activities L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Sees self as valued and contributing class member L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Sees work and tasks as important to achieve goals L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J

Cognitive connections

Thinks L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Connects ideas and concepts L1-----2-----3-----4-----5JPP
Monitors and evaluates work done L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Does more than required L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Uses learning strategies e.g. rehearsal, summarising, elaborating to remember, organise and understand L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Prefers learning challenges; Shows a preference for hard work L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Manages and controls effort on tasks – persists, ignores distractions L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Uses flexible approaches to solve problems L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J
Shows effort to learn, understand, and master knowledge and skills L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J	Positive coping in the face of failure L1-----2-----3-----4-----5J

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