



Tuesday, 12 September 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year Merimbula Public School has been using Compass to allow us to have an online management platform. At present, we use Compass for attendance, scheduling events, sending out important information and school reports. We hope to use the financial tool in early Term 4.

Our next development will focus around using Compass as a communication tool from the beginning of next term. The new component will be called Compass Connect and will be replacing Class Dojo. Class Dojo has been a great communication tool between teachers and families. The reason the school has decided to change platforms is due to an update in Class Dojo privacy settings. This will also mean that Class Story will no longer be available.

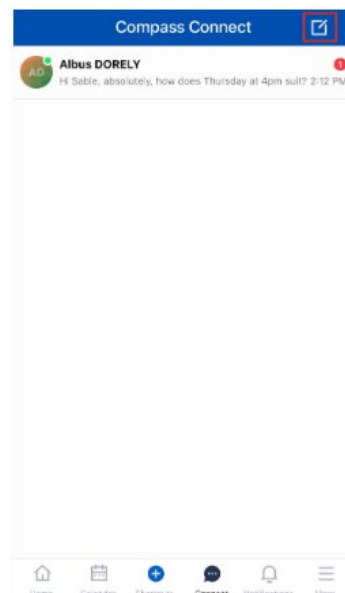
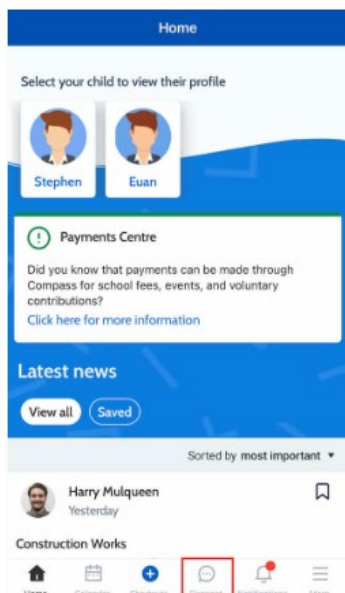
You will not need to add anything to the current application, it will be a new feature that is shown at the bottom of your mobile device. You will be able to directly message your child's classroom teacher in the same way you communicate using Class Dojo. When doing this for the first time, you will need to type in the teacher's name. It will then connect you with your child's teacher and keep a message log of your interactions. You will then be able to use this for future posts and be able to initiate and respond to messages directly.

Compass Connect Instructions

Step 1-Click on Connect

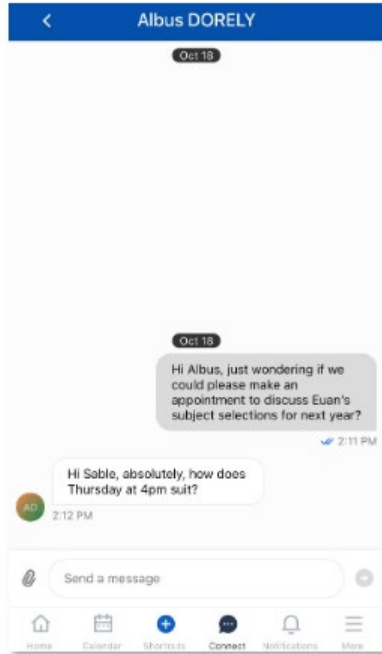
Step 2- Click on new message

Step 3- Search teacher's name

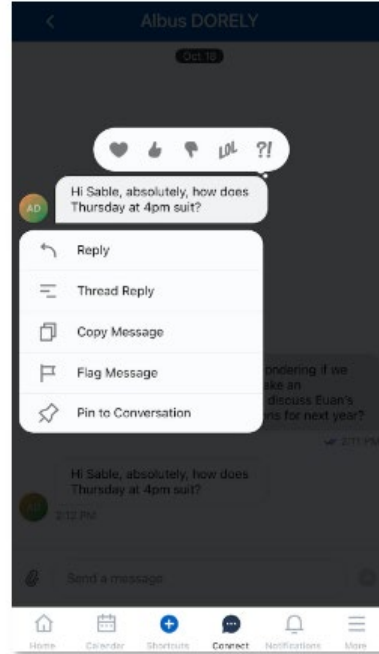




Step 5- Type message



Step 6- Hold down message for More options



In Term 4, staff will post information on your child's Class News Feed. This is located on your child's profile and will also send a push notification to alert you of any updates. If you are not receiving the notifications, please see if you have your notifications turned on in your phone for the application. If you are still not receiving them, please contact the school.

Class news feed

The change to our communication will allow Compass to become the only application needed by parents in accessing and communicating with the school. As the change will occur in Term 4, we will begin a trial of 'Compass Connect' and 'Class News Feed'. Class Story will still be supported until the end of Term 3.

If you are having trouble with Compass, please contact the school so we can support you. From Term 4, Class Dojo will be disconnected for parents and used only in class for student behaviour points and setting class party goals.