Implementation plan

Metacognition to strengthen student capacity at Wodonga Senior Secondary College, Victoria



Problem (why?)

Wodonga Senior Secondary College is a large regional school catering for 820 students in Years 10-12.

An audit established that:

- Students were getting stuck and did not have the strategies or language to overcome challenges with learning.
- Teachers were not explicitly aware of metacognitive strategies and their role in literacy improvement.
- Achievement and retention rates were not meeting expectations.

Implementation description (what?)

Active ingredient 1

Staff have the capacity to teach metacognitive skills and strategies

- Develop a shared understanding of metacognition.
- Develop video content for teachers with suggestions to help engage students in metacognitive and selfregulation practices.
- Ensure staff have opportunities to develop their practice in teaching metacognitive skills and strategies.

Active ingredient 2

Students have the capacity to use metacognitive strategies independently

- Develop a student metacognition tool.
- Give students the language of metacognition to ensure they can articulate the process of learning.
- Explicitly teach students metacognitive strategies.

Active ingredient 3

Structures and policies support the teaching of metacognition

- Adapt the reporting process to explicitly include metacognitive elements that demonstrate students' readiness to learn.
- Explicitly identify metacognition and self-regulation in the school teaching and learning frameworks and key documents.

Implementation activities (how?)

Professional learning

- Develop fortnightly videos and written artefacts for teachers with suggestions to help engage students in metacognitive and self-regulation practices for both inperson and online learning.
- Run whole-staff PL sessions with a focus on integrating the explicit teaching of metacognition into subject areas.

Build student capacity

 Explicitly teach students metacognitive strategies, using the metacognition tool as a resource.

Structures

- Include metacognition and self-regulation in the teaching and learning framework and literacy matrix.
- Include metacognition and self-regulation in the home-supported learning structure.
- Explicitly report on metacognitive strategies though the Grade Point Average assessment matrix.

Monitoring

• Survey staff to build an understanding of their current knowledge of metacognition and self-regulation strategies. Implementation outcomes (how well?)

Short term

- Staff acceptability a positive change in teacher confidence regarding metacognitive strategies is observed.
- The development of a student metacognition tool.

Medium term

- Staff (working group) use the metacognition tool in class regularly.
- Students (working group) know of the metacognition tool and have used it.

Long term

- All staff use the metacognition tool in class regularly.
- All students use the metacognition tool with increasing independence.

Final outcomes (so what?)

Short term

 Staff and students share a common understanding of and language for metacognition.

Medium term

- Students can articulate where they are at with their learning, making an informed decision of what to do next.
- Students use metacognitive self-talk and demonstrate this through reflection.
- Teachers are observed developing metacognition in their teaching.

Long term

- Changes in student achievement are evident in teacher-reported grades and external assessments.
- Retention of students from Year 10 to Year 12 increases.