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Parent Guide

How can I access Canvas?

Students: On a web browser, access via: mcc.instructure.com

Log in with your MCC email and password.

Parents: On a web browser, access via: <https://mcc.instructure.com/login/canvas>

Click on 'Parent of a Canvas User?' to sign up as an observer.

What can I find on Canvas?

Secondary teachers use Canvas to communicate assessment details and due dates with students. Canvas aims to help both students and parents stay up-to-date with coursework, and informed on classwork/homework expectations.

Often assessment details are uploaded as soft copies of handouts available in the **Files** tab, or as links on course **Pages**.

Teachers may also use Canvas **Assignments** and upload marks to Canvas. However, Canvas does not currently replace existing calendar, marking or reporting systems.

What is an observer account?

As an observer you have access to see the course content your child can see. Once you create an account, you can log in to the Canvas website and begin observing the courses that your child is enrolled in.

The link below provides details on how to sign up:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10913-414473163>

Create your account here: <https://mcc.instructure.com/login/canvas>

Students can provide their parents with a pairing code to link accounts:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-15036-4212938128>



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Canvas Guides (community.canvaslms.com)

Canvas has a community page that offers useful support documents that explain how to access and use features of Canvas. Here are some helpful links:

Observer guides home page:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10917>

Student guides home page:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701>

Guide to Canvas apps home page:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/community/answers/guides/mobile-guide>

Which app is best for observers?



Parent App

The parent app provides a brief overview of student marks and weekly tasks. Currently, not all teachers use the features that feed into the parent app, therefore you may find it more suitable to view courses in a web browser or student app.



Student App

Both students and observers can log in to the student app. This provides a more comprehensive view of course content including **files** and **pages** where many teachers currently post assessment details.

Alternatively, log in to <https://mcc.instructure.com/login/canvas> via any web browser.

Further Questions?

For questions specific to a Canvas course, such as content or due dates, please contact the relevant subject teacher. For general Canvas enquiries, please contact Canvas Admin:

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