Year 7 Parent Information Evening
The Journey
English in Secondary School

• Purpose

- To develop students knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.
- To build on concepts, skills and processes developed in earlier years, by revisiting, strengthening and developing their skills and knowledge.
- To prepare students for future years.
Building well-rounded students

- Empathetic
- Self-reflecting
- Analytical
- Make sense of the world
- Build effective communication skills
English

- Novels
- Plays
- Poems
- Films

- Speeches
- Feature Articles
- Multimedia presentations
- Personal Reflection
- Analytical Essays
- Reviews
- Editorial
- Debates
- Persuasive speeches
- Comparative Essays
- Monologues
- Comprehension exams
Skills in focus

• Improving spelling
• Increasing vocabulary
• Refining sentence and paragraph structures
• Building argument construction
• Understanding your audience
• Understanding structures that inform, persuade and entertain
• Building general knowledge
Year 7 Profile

- **Term 1** – Narrative Writing (Due: Week 8, last lesson)
- **Term 2** – Helping me help others – Persuasive Speech (Due: Week 9, last lesson)
- **Term 3** – Knowing the Novel – Analytical Paragraph Writing (Due: Week 8, last lesson)
- **Term 4** – Water; what is it good for? – Multi-modal poetry presentation (Due: Week 7, last lesson)
Assessment – The Learning Process

1. Students draft
2. Feedback (peer and/or teacher)
3. Edit
4. Feedback and reflections
5. Exposure and immersion in a unit
6. Scaffold
7. Publish Final Copy
## Assessment

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English – a multi-pronged approach

• The Curriculum – classwork, assignments and homework
• Sustained silent reading – designated novels, ebooks, and reading material of own choice.
  – Fiction,
  - Non-fiction,
  - Graphic novels,
  - Magazines

• Literacy Lesson: Education Perfect, Spelling, Vocabulary Development
• Literacy Toolkit
# Why Read?

How much students should read

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“A person who won’t read has no advantage over one who can’t read.”

—Mark Twain
“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”

J. K. Rowling
Author of Harry Potter
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Homework

- Homework is important
- Creates good study habits
- Organisation skills
- Strengthens memories

Please email or write a note if there are days when you feel some breathing space is needed.
Education Perfect

Education Perfect is an online platform designed to make learning fun, engaging and effective.
Integrating Technology

- OneNote as the main platform
- Other programs like:
  - OneNote
  - PowerPoint
  - Photoshop
  - Microsoft Word
How can you help?

• Let them get on the bike and be independent
• Encourage
• Model proactive reading habits
• Encourage them to strive
• Encourage them to ask
• Check students ‘Calendar’ for events/homework/assessment due dates
• Email teachers with any concerns