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Dear Parents and Guardians

2021 ATAR English

I would like to introduce myself as the ATAR English teacher for 2021 and I look forward to working with your children this year. For many of your children, I will have taught them before in previous years.

We will be viewing, reading and analysing a lot of texts throughout the year and engaging in some class and small group activities to enhance our learning of the concepts.

Additionally, I will be strongly encouraging students to take part in completing practice writing pieces. These may be short answer, extended answer or essay form and will require referring to notes made in class, texts we have analysed, discussions with classmates and the textbook. These practice writings will be returned to students with feedback and suggestions to assist in the improvement of their writing for future assignments and I urge them to take note and make adjustments accordingly.

Year 12 requires a lot of reading. At times these might be an article or short story, however, it is imperative that students complete Novel reading also. This will need to occur usually in their own time but will be crucial to our studies.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would also encourage participation and engagement in reading texts, practice writing, class and group activities and discussions. The learning from these activities can be considerable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, queries, suggestions, comments etc or if there are any issues that have arisen for your child. Likewise, please encourage your child to approach me if there are problems or concerns. Tutoring sessions will commence next week for those willing and able to participate and may prove a good place for discussions and concept revision as required.

I may be contacted at Rebecca.Doughty@cewa.edu.au or on 9621 3558, thankyou.

Yours sincerely

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