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Dear Parents /Caregivers,

Your son has been identified as a Gifted and Talented student.

During 2017, we aim to augment the writing skills of our higher ability students so they gain greater confidence in textual composition, enhancing their writing capabilities in preparation for senior years with a view to them being well-equipped for a high performance band in the HSC.

The Writing Program is being implemented by Ms. Judith Rooney, with the authority of the Head of Diverse Learning, Mrs. Virginia Reeves, and will run each Monday and Tuesday.

It is our intention to withdraw your son from either his Learning to Learn lesson or one English class per week, where he will be personally tutored. Emphasis will be placed on his capacity to create prose in a variety of genres, paying particular attention to vocabulary enhancement, grammar, punctuation and legibility of handwriting.

He will build up a writing portfolio as the lessons progress, and his drafts will be shared with his English teacher with a view to possible publication to the College community.

I am sure your son will benefit from this Writing Program, and we look forward to identifying and improving his literacy skills.

Yours Sincerely,

Judith Rooney
TEACHER OF WRITING

Virginia Reeves
HEAD OF DIVERSE LEARNING