CREATIVE WRITING

This is a Year 10 course.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

This course provides an opportunity for students to explore and produce creative writing. Students will be given opportunities to examine the craft of writing, to enhance their use of language and grammar, and to hone their own writing skills in a variety of forms. Some of the topics we will cover include the following: What makes good writing? What makes poor writing? What is it about some texts that makes them appealing? How can I manipulate my writing for purpose and effect? What are the best ways to write online? How can I get published?

Students selecting this course will also learn about the key skills of drafting, reviewing and editing, including the chance to share their work and evaluate the work of their peers.

WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN CREATIVE WRITING?

If students have a strong interest in writing, and the art of writing well, they should consider choosing this course. They will be given a strong grounding for the study of pre-tertiary English courses, in particular English Writing 3 and English Communications 3. The skills being developed will be useful for any student interested in a career in journalism, education, communications, politics or law.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR THIS SUBJECT?

Students will need a strong interest in words and ideas and how to use them effectively. They will need to have good time management skills and commit to developing their writing outside of classroom hours. In addition, students must be prepared to share and receive ideas and constructive criticism.