Is this the real life, or is it just fantasy?

The Year 8 English Curriculum is organised around the unifying theme of *Reality Versus Fantasy*. With the explosion of reality television shows, the construction of identity through social media and photoshop, students explore the essential question: what is reality? Through reading, writing, viewing, speaking, listening to and creating a range of texts, students explore how reality and fantasy are represented in a range of texts. The course is four units taught over four terms and is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Students will be assessed on the English strands of Language, Literature and Literacy.

The course begins with an inquiry unit based on sustainability in order to allow some key concepts and essential questions.

The course explores a range of print, visual and multimodal texts building on the skills, knowledge and understandings introduced in Term One. Units covered include:

- Novel study
- Creative stories and fantasy
- Reality versus Fantasy: *The Truman Show* (1998)