7th March 2016

Dear Parents,

As part of our English studies in Year 8 students are exposed to a range of films, either as corresponding texts or as film studies. This year is no exception. In Term 1 students are learning about the Dystopian Fiction genre and have been reading Lois Lowry’s *The Giver* and *The Hunger Games*. Both novels have film adaptations that are valuable resources to show different interpretations of texts.

In Term 3 students are required to engage in a close study of film. To this end students will be viewing and studying the films *Whale Rider* and *Bend It Like Beckham* in class.

Both *The Giver* and *Hunger Games* are M rated due to mature themes (stylised violence). Parents are reassured that the students have been well prepared for this during the novel study and the films have been previewed and both deal with the issue of the short comings of an ideal world in which individual rights are no longer considered valid.

*Whale Rider* and *Bend it Like Beckham* are of a cultural nature and address issues of gender and cultural tradition and how young people deal with balancing traditional values and modern expectations. The films are rated PG but include scenes of childbirth, death and suggested domestic violence, drug use and alcohol consumption.

It is a requirement of the school that in order for your students to view these films a permission slip is required. If there might be some issue with your child viewing these films and you would prefer to avoid one or all or selectively view them at home rather than at school please inform Ms Marsay by note or phone as soon as possible so that other arrangements can be made.

Ms Erryn Marsay  
English Teacher

Mrs Janet Cartwright  
Principal

I  [ ] give/do not give (please circle one) my permission for my son or daughter  

[ ] to view the films below. Please tick each to show your permission or the lack thereof.

- [ ] The Giver  
- [ ] The Hunger Games  
- [ ] Whale Rider  
- [ ] Bend It Like Beckham

Please print your name and then sign.

Parent or guardian’s name  

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Date

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