Dear Parents,

Welcome to our final term for the year. During this term the Year 9 students will be investigating the factors that have shaped the Australian Identity. Some of the factors we will look in detail are Federation, Immigration, Wars, Government, Film and Media.

As part of an introduction to the Australian Identity we will be viewing the iconic Australian movie The Castle. This film has an M rating due to some coarse language. We will also be viewing the documentary Mary Meets Mohammad (PG) that addresses the issue of multiculturalism.

One of the highlights of this unit will be a six-day camp to Canberra. Students will depart on Monday November 21 and return Saturday November 26, 2016. To allow adequate time to rest after the camp the Year 9 staff and students will not be required to attend school on Monday 28 November.

While on camp the students will view Gallipoli (PG) and Beneath Hill 60, a film with an M rating. If you would like any further details about the content of either film or you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher prior to camp.

It has been an exciting year with many students exceeding our expectations in the areas of personal growth and the quality of the work that has been produced. It has been a delight to work alongside each of them in Open Village. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and words of encouragement during the year. We look forward to our Year 9 Graduation lunch for staff and students, which will be held offsite during the last week of school. More details about our end of year activities will be sent home in a letter closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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