

Tuesday August 22, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of my intention of showing the movie 'Schindler's List' to the year 10/11 Psychology class as a way of applying psychological concepts to a real life context.

In Unit 2 Psychology, we are learning about social cognition – that is, how we interpret, analyse and make judgements about others in social settings and how this influences our behaviour. As part of this we look at status and power within groups, including obedience and conformity. A real life example of these tendencies in human behaviour can be seen when we study the treatment of Jewish people by Nazi Germany. I'm planning to show the movie 'Schindler's List' to identify and discuss with students some of the concepts seen in human behaviour and possible psychological explanations for why this may have occurred.

The film is an academy award winning film that is a realistic portrayal of the events that occurred. However, given that the movie is MA rated and deals with confronting themes, I wanted to provide an opportunity for parents to voice any concerns you may have or to request that your child opt out of the viewing experience.

We are planning to watch the film during our Wednesday class in Week 7 of this term (Term 3). Please contact me before then if you have any concerns. The best method of contact is via email on jwouters@mecs.vic.edu.au but you are more than welcome to connect with me via the school phone number if you'd like to chat about it.

Yours sincerely,

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