

## **Writing Project and Universal Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)**

Two activities our year 7-10 students complete on a daily basis to improve their literacy skills are the Writing Project and USSR.

During term 2, we would like all our year 7-10 students to continue this routine starting this Wednesday.

### **Writing Project**

- We have provided the students with their **Writing Project booklets**.
- Each day for 10-15 minutes, the students write on the topic allocated.
- They can incorporate the words suggested and of course words relating to their own thoughts on the topic.
- There is no compulsion for the students to spell words correctly (although correct spelling is valued and encouraged) or to edit their work however they are most welcome to do so, if they would like to develop their skills further during this period of learning from home.
- One change we are introducing for this term is “free writing Friday”, where the students write on a topic of their own choice. These pages are found at the back of the booklet. If students cannot think of a relevant topic for Friday, they can turn to the very last page of the booklet and choose one from the list provided.
- Students were given their writing project booklet at the end of last term and if they were absent, the books have been mailed home. If your child does not have their writing project booklets, a copy can be picked up from the General Office next week.
- **We expect these booklets to be completed during term 2 and brought to school on the students first day of return.**

### **Universal Sustained Silent Reading**

- Students in years 7-10 are in the routine of **reading a novel** at the beginning of period 5 each day.
- Once again, we would like students to continue this practice at home during term 2.
- Students can choose any book to read then allocate **15 minutes to sustained silent reading** each day. Of course, students can choose to do more reading if they desire.

**We value the support of parents to ensure these two very valuable programs continue for our students during term 2.**

**If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact Joanne McKenzie via Xuno.**