Dear parents/guardians,

Your child is currently taking part in the Year 8 English HOTS writing program.

The aim of this enrichment program is to develop students’ writing skills and prepare them to develop a piece of polished writing for entry into either the *Whitlam Institute’s What Matters Writing Competition* or the *Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year Competition*.

As part of this Program, prize winning author Bernard Cohen from the *Writing Workshop* will be presenting a 3 hour writing workshop to students on Monday, February 20th. Bernard will be focusing of developing students’ imaginary writing skills as well as focusing on the use of voice within their writing.

The 3 hour workshop will run at school from 1pm to 4pm (normal finishing time for HOTS).

The cost of this workshop is free for students.

For more information on the Writing Workshop please visit <http://www.writingworkshop.com.au/>

If you would like any more details regarding the workshop or the Year 8 HOTS writing program, please contact Ms Amanda Freeborn on 9745 3777 extension 123.

Kind regards,

Ms Freeborn Ms Chami-Batch

HOTS Teacher Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator