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To Parents/Families and Caregivers,

Psycho

This term, my Stage 1 English class is studying the film, *Psycho* (1960), directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The film is a psychological horror film that centers on the encounter between a secretary Marion Crane who ends up at a secluded motel after stealing money from her employer, and the motel's disturbed owner-manager, Norman Bates, and its aftermath.

Our studies will explore how we are influenced by the great storytellers of the past, with a focus on the use of suspense to encourage an audience to invest emotionally in the characters and plot. Students will explore the features and conventions the director has used to construct the film.

The film is rated M due to medium level violence and sexual references.

As an important component of the planned learning program, all students in my Stage 1 English class will be participating unless parents/caregivers request an exemption for their child.

If you would like more information about the film *Psycho*, or would like to have your child exempted, please contact me by Monday 5th February, 2018 via email or phone.

Yours sincerely,

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