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English Handbook and Study Guide

Dear Parents and Caregivers

There has been considerable coverage in the media over the last months which highlights the steady decline in literacy in Aotearoa New Zealand over the last years. The Building Literacy Capability team members have been working on identifying ways to address this. As part of a range of targeted interventions, we have identified a comprehensive user-friendly reference book which covers every aspect of the English Language that students need to master from Year 9 to Year 13.

The presentation is simple, logical and colour-coded for easy recall. Through constant usage over the years, the information will become familiar, and will be retained, unlike photocopiable notes, or class notes which are discarded at the end of each year. Since it is a hard copy book, students will have a sense of the scope of what is to be covered, something which is often difficult to quantify when it comes to digital resources which can feel overwhelming as a result. We know that many of you will support us in encouraging students to move away from their screens and engage with printed text.

The English handbook and study guide is highly recommended, and we would like to encourage all parents/caregivers to purchase a copy for your household. Students can reference this handbook across all areas of the curriculum through years 9-13. Teachers are actively teaching and correcting student writing, irrespective of the learning area in which they work, we believe the handbook will assist your child to bring about a difference in their literacy levels.

We would greatly appreciate your support in implementing this significant intervention.

To order your copy: <https://forms.gle/ZzBLtexHaE38njiSu7>

Cost: \$40.00 This will be invoiced via your child's Kamar account

Orders close: Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Payment due by: Monday 27th February 2023

Many thanks

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