

# English

***In English students learn to value the joy derived from reading a variety of texts and genre and to appreciate that language is our unique taonga (treasure.) Language is power and opens doors to so many personal, academic and professional opportunities.***

Across all year levels, students will read novels, short texts (of all forms); they will come further to appreciate visual texts and will have the chance to present their work in many different ways such as PowerPoint, Canva, a speech, poster or essay.

They will read texts which exemplify the richness of New Zealand stories, cultures and lives and make links to the literature of other places and times. Students will increasingly be able to write effective texts with clear and appropriate language and a sense of purpose; will be able to make links to themselves through the texts as well as to a wider context, and they will be able to critically analyse texts as they go through school and into the wider world.

#### **In the junior school, students will:**

- Write about themselves, their sense of identity and passions
- Read short stories, poems, non-fiction and a novel
- Have regular library time to foster a love of reading
- Learn the parts of speech, language features and how to craft an effective paragraph
- Begin to make links between themselves, Aotearoa and the wider world.
- Students at all levels have the opportunity to join Inklings, our writing club and to contribute to our yearbook.
- Students can also opt to be a part of the Creative Writing/Yearbook Academy, focused on writing and/or Escape, an academy based around reading.

