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Parent/Guardian:

Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival

All Year 8 students will attend the *Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival* on **Thursday 19 July, Week 1 Term 3**, held in the grounds of the Whitsunday Anglican School.

During the day your child will listen to a number of author talks by James Foley (Illustrator and Author), Steven O'Donnell (Gamer and Author), James Phelan (Author) and Emily Zoey Baker (Slam poet), in addition to the opportunity to experience and engage in an environment that celebrates and promotes literacy and literature. Further information is available online at: www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Students will assemble at 8.35am for attendance rolls to be taken then depart the College at 8.45am and return by 3.00pm, travelling by bus. They are required to wear **full formal uniform**, including hats and a small bag will be adequate for the day; wet weather gear has proven to be useful in the past. There will be three meal breaks throughout the day and students can bring their own food or purchase it from the well-stocked canteens. They can also bring novels for signing by the authors or purchase titles from the Bookshop.

While enjoying this wonderful day, students are expected to display exemplary behaviour and appearance at all times.

Costs for the day are met by the General Purpose Levy, however, students will require to bring money if they would like to purchase their lunch and/or books.

If you would prefer your child not to attend the Festival, please email the office at office@mercymackay.qld.edu.au and alternative work will be arranged for them to complete at the College.

Please ensure their medical details are up to date through the Office, as this information may be used on the day.

Many thanks

Mr Stephen Crocker
Teacher Librarian

Mr Jim Ford
Principal