

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Does your child love to write stories? Do they dream of being an author?

We are excited to let you know that our students will have the opportunity to attend a school holiday camp for young writers, called "Write like an Author".

It is an internationally acclaimed writing course that teaches young writers the skills and techniques that professional authors use to create their stories.

During the camp, each participant will develop and write an original creative story under the guidance of well-known author and writing coach Brian Falkner.

Brian, a New Zealander now living in Australia, is an internationally published children's author with fifteen books published in more than thirteen countries. His most recent novel is an alternative history set during the Napoleonic wars called *Battlesaurus: Clash of Empires* (MacMillan US, 2016).

The camp will be held at **Southwell School** during the April school holidays, starting on **Tuesday April 26th** and running until **Friday April 29th**.

The camp is for enthusiastic young writers to develop their natural writing and story-telling talents. It is ideal for young people who have a dream of becoming a published author or anyone who wants to improve their writing skills.

The number of places on the camp is strictly limited and is open to students from all local schools, so we recommend that you register early if your child is interested in attending the camp.

The camp is non-residential, and runs from **9am until 4pm** each day.

Students will need to bring their own device (a laptop or tablet to write their stories on).

The course fee is **\$395**, and there is a discount for early registration.

We highly recommend this camp to budding young writers who would like to learn how to turn their wonderful ideas into wonderful stories.

A flyer about the camp is attached. For more information and to register, please visit www.writelikeanauthor.com.