31 March 2016

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: Comedy and Laughter M Rated Films and DVD

As part of our upcoming studies of comedy and laughter within our year 10 Comedy and Tragedy Drama Course, we will be investigating comedy techniques involving status.

It is my intention to show the class clips from popular comedy films and a DVD of Lano and Woodley’s ‘The Island’ so we can analyse how status is used to create comedy. This film is rated ‘M’ (for mature audiences only for moderate coarse language). Some of the clips we may watch from popular contemporary comedies are also of a ‘M’ rating despite the content I have chosen being appropriate for all ages. Therefore, I need your permission for your child to view these in class.

The films will provide information to the class so that we can study the status within the character relationships and how comic devices relating to status can be applied within a live performance. We will compare the status relationship shown in ‘The Island’ with other comedies either within the film or television. This will allow students the opportunity to make connections between a variety of different performances and identify comedic devices.

Please sign and complete the details on the reply slip below and return to me by Friday the 8 April.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me on 8364 0455 or via e-mail at linda.below384@schools.sa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Linda Below             Jacqui van Ruiten
Drama Teacher             Principal

Reply Slip: Please return to Linda Below by the 8 April 2016.

Student’s name…………………………………………………………………………………………..

☐ I give permission for my child to watch ‘The Island’ and clips from other films that may have an ‘M’ rating, for educational purposes.
☐ I do not give permission for my child to view ‘The Island’ and clips from other films that may have an ‘M’ rating, for education purposes.

(Parent/Caregiver) Signed:……………………………..Name……………………………………….

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