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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Avatar – Grade 7 film**

As part of our Term 4 study in Grade 7 English, we are undertaking a unit on the Adventure Genre. For one aspect of this unit, we will be viewing an Adventure film and examining the components that make up this genre. This year, all Grade 7 students will be watching the film *Avatar*.

According to the Australian Classification Board, the film is rated M. Due to this rating, we require parental permission for your child to view this film.

The synopsis and rating guide on the back of this letter has been sourced from the Australian Council on Children and the Media ([www.childrenandmedia.org.au](http://www.childrenandmedia.org.au)) where you can find an extremely comprehensive review. As parents, you may also wish to view the film to help with your decision. If you do not wish to provide permission, students will instead watch the film *Up* (2009). A plot synopsis for the film is available on the same website.

It would be appreciated if permission is granted for the viewing of the film on the slip below. This is to be returned to the Grade 7 English staff by Friday 2nd November. Alternatively, you can email permission for your child.

Yours sincerely

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I, (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my son/daughter  
\_\_\_\_\_ to view the film *Avatar* as part of the Grade 7 English study.

### **Synopsis of the story**

After spending five years in cryonic sleep aboard an intergalactic transport vessel, Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) a wheelchair bound marine, finds himself being woken as the transport approaches the planet Pandora. Humans have set up a corporate/military mining consortium on Pandora and are systematically bulldozing Pandora's forests in search of a rare priceless mineral called "Unobtainium". However, Pandora is populated by a humanoid race called the Na'vi who are getting in the way of the mining operations. Jake is being sent to Pandora to replace his murdered brother in the "Avatar Program" an experimental project that transfers the conscious mind of a human "driver" into a laboratory grown Na'vi avatar. Apparently a rich vein of Unobtainium has been located directly beneath a large Na'vi village and the humans plan to use the avatars to infiltrate the Na'vi and convince them to relocate or, failing that, to use the intelligence gathered by Jake to assist the consortium's military's leader Colonel Miles Quaritch (Steven Lang) to forcibly remove the Na'vi.

Jake along with scientists Dr. Grace Augustine (Sigourney Weaver) and Norm Spellman (Joel Moore) is sent out on a scouting mission in avatar guise. While investigating the local flora, Jake is attacked by a ferocious beast causing him to be separated from the rest of his company. Jake is rescued by a beautiful female Na'vi warrior called Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), who also happens to be the daughter of the Na'vi's clan chieftain. When the clan's spiritual leader senses a strong spiritual significance to Jake, Jake is adopted into the clan and then trained as a warrior.

The Colonel gives Jake three months to convince the Na'vi to willingly relocate, but at the end of this time Jake finds he is in love with Neytiri and has developed strong ties with the Na'vi. Jake now strongly opposes the Colonel taking any action against the Na'vi and is eventually joined by his colleagues in a battle to save the owners of the planet.