

Focused and Free Writing



“In Knowledge Lies Strength”

Using the **Writer’s Workshop** model for Year 1

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Class & School Context



- ISC is a small but growing school, K to year 7
- Nearly every student would be flagged as 'EALD' in another context
- The Wombats class is the smaller of the two year 1 classes
- Writing was an area of focus thanks to NAPLAN results



Diving into writing



- **No 'failure' state**
- **Low pressure**
- **Personal connection**
- **Variable guidance**
- **Observation based assessment**

Challenges:

- Minimum effort
- Page order

The good:

- Focused work
- Differentiation made easier

Confidence and Motivation



- **Share (only) what you've written**
 - **Personal challenges**
 - **Link to English topics**
 - **Mini-Lessons**
- “I'm finished!”



Give and Take



- **Making a ‘sandwich’**
- **Self-assessment**
- **Extra-textual ideas**
- **Unpacking positivity**

The good:

- More attentive listening
- Some taking on board of feedback

Challenge:

- Time

Thank You

