…SAMPLE VIVA…

1. BELONGING DEFINITION:

My understanding of Belonging is…

It involves….

Rubric….

1. RELATED TEXT LINKS TO BELONGING:

I chose the short story, Gilly-pilly by Gillian… as it clearly expresses ideas of belonging through isolation and a desire for acceptance.

The author uses the protagonist, Gilly-pilly, as a way to express her own autobiographical life. Gilly-pilly attends boarding school and is picked on for her “insert quote….”. The composers use of (technique) allows her readers to connect emotionally on the process Gilly-pilly has gone through to find her sense of belonging.

We find out that she turns into being the ‘bully’ and leaves the audience questioning whether or not a negative outcome and making other individual’s feel isolated is deemed right.

1. LINKS TO PRESCRIBED TEXT OR ANOTHER TEXT IN FOLDER:

Similar ideas of isolation and acceptance are also evident in the Prescribed Text, Bra Boys. The documentary addresses the life of gang in Sydney and how they find their sense of belonging within the ‘surf community’. A key individual in the Bra Boys gang is their ‘Ma’. ‘Ma’ acts as a positive influence and helps the boys find a sense of belonging by having a safe place to go. She often gave them words of wisdom which helped to make positive choices, rather than negative ones (as seen in Gilly-pilly). Ma’s advice of “not to judge people by how much money they had or by their skin colour, but by the type of person they were” helped to build a positive connection to the Lebanese Community. The director’s use of archival footage in news reports added the element of realism for the audience and we were able to connect with the positive outcome where the community accepted the different races.

1. HOW HAS COLLATING THE RESOURCE FOLDER IMPACTED ON YOU? WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT?

Through the collation of this assessment, I have learnt about the vast array of elements tied to belonging. I’ve learnt that your sense of belonging can change due to a range of reasons such as……

Personally, it’s impacted on me by the way that I treat my brothers and sisters at home. I understand that my actions may cause them to feel isolated and alone. I understand that family should be a ‘safe haven’ like Ma’s and……….