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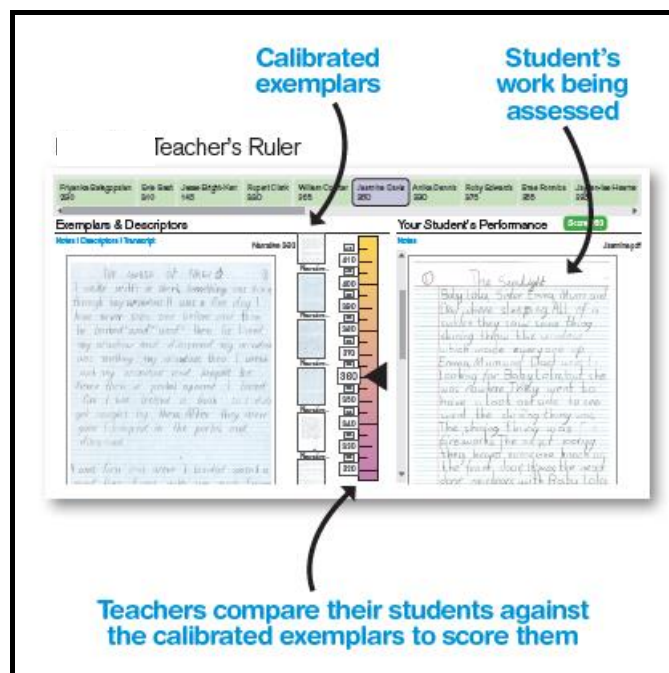
Dear families,

Brightpath writing assessment

At Unley Primary School increasing students' writing achievement is a priority on our school's improvement plan. As part of this focus, teachers use multiple strategies to support children's learning and there are a number of ways students' progress is assessed, analysed and built upon.

One way we track and monitor your child's writing development is by using an online resource called Brightpath. The Brightpath platform is a result of a decade of internationally recognised research at The University of Western Australia. Students in Years 1 to 7 at UPS undertake three Brightpath assessments each year: a narrative and persuasive sample at the beginning of the school year and a second persuasive sample in Term 3.

Using the Brightpath tool, teachers at UPS have recently analysed students' persuasive writing. To assess their writing, we compared their work with a set of calibrated exemplars and judged which exemplar their performance was closest to, or which two exemplars their performance fell between, as illustrated below.



Please find attached two samples of your child's persuasive writing: one from earlier this year and the other from earlier this term. Students completed both of these writing assessments independently in 30 minutes after 15 minutes of discussion and planning time. They were also given an additional five minutes to proofread and edit their writing.

These samples are intended to provide you with a snapshot of your child's writing. They are just one component of the assessment information collected throughout the school year. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions, or if you would like to make a time to discuss your child's learning.

Kind regards,