**Worawa Aboriginal College IOP**

**Supporting Documentation**

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[**Write about what you know, and what do you know better than your own secrets?**](http://www.azquotes.com/quote/799092) Raymond Carver

**Intro**

Where do we find the story?

Not enough Indigenous young women tell their story…what does this mean for us?

Reciprocal story telling

Read for enjoyment, listen for enjoyment

**Subjects**

Who has a scar caused by accidents? Who has a broken bone?

Our families

Who in your family is important to you?

My three minute life story – a person in your family

What did you bring from home to Worawa?

**Characters**

The people in our stories

Telling stories of people who are sometimes forgotten about

**Emotions and Feelings**

The storyteller – Syrian children greeted by a Tarboush who tells them stories of their home land.

**Places**

Where do you like to hang out? What does it feel like, taste like, smell like?

**Inspiration**

Tony read from ‘Blood’

Three minutes about my big sister

My grandma

Movie ‘Afterlife’…a 3 minute film about your life

The broken angel…statue in the cemetery

**Writing Exercises**

1. **Flash or Micro Fiction**

Fill in this space with words, a story, poetry, song words…check the sample first

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1. **Suitcases** byChi Vu …What can you take?
2. Sketch in words a face, a place
3. Speech Bubbles or animation…dialogue
4. Photograph…what is she thinking?



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**Events**

Feb - <http://blakandbright.com.au/>

<https://writersvictoria.org.au/support/young-writers>

<http://www.emergingwritersfestival.org.au/>

**Therapeutic Creative Writing**

**Prompt**

My grandma used to stroke my hair, pushing it behind my ear as she spoke to me. It was annoying because it tickled but after she died, I missed her doing it. Now as an older woman, I do the same to children in the family.

**Task**

Write a similar recollection and develop this into a story that tells us something about how you feel.