

John Marsden, Renowned Australian Author Visits AISM

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On September 20th, Australian International School Malaysia (AISM) was visited by John Marsden, one of Australia's most renowned writers for children's and young adult fiction. AISM students were indeed thrilled to meet the author, whose book "Tomorrow When the War Began" has been made into a movie and was recently released in Australia. He also runs workshops in schools and has visited more than 3000 schools in his quest to inspire young readers about the power of writing and reading. At AISM, Marsden delivered inspiring presentations to multiple year groups, ranging from Junior to Senior school. The

students were introduced to the complicated world of creative writing and learnt about aspects of plot, the meaning of literature and the significance of status in literary plots and in society. Students were truly entertained with Marsden's great sense of humour and role play sessions which made his presentation very entertaining and educational.

The students of AISM left the presentation with an innovative view of creative writing and inspiration for their upcoming English HSC (matriculation) examinations.

