

# English Studies

## COURSE DETAILS

<b>Hours</b>	240 hours
<b>Type</b>	Content Endorsed Course
<b>Duration</b>	2 years
<b>Unit Value</b>	2-unit Year 11 2-unit Year 12
<b>HSC Exam</b>	Optional HSC Exam in 2019
<b>ATAR</b>	Yes. However, the course is a category B ATAR course.
<b>Exclusions</b>	Nil
<b>RECOGNITION</b>	HSC Qualification

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The English Studies course is designed to provide students with opportunities to become competent, confident and engaged communicators and to study and enjoy a breadth and variety of texts in English. English Studies focuses on supporting students to refine their skills and knowledge in English and consolidate their English literacy skills to enhance their personal, educational, social and vocational lives.

The course is distinctive in its focus on the development of students' language, literacy and literary skills. It centres on empowering students to comprehend, interpret and evaluate the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts from a range of everyday, social, cultural, academic, community and workplace contexts.

## AIMS

The study of English in Stage 6 enables students to understand and use language effectively. They appreciate, enjoy and reflect on the English language and make meaning in ways that are imaginative, creative, interpretive, critical and powerful. Students value the English language in its various textual forms to become thoughtful and effective communicators in a diverse global world.

## YEAR 11 COURSE OUTCOMES (from NESA)

**ES11-1** comprehends and responds to a range of texts, including short and extended texts, literary texts and texts from academic, community, workplace and social contexts for a variety of purposes

**ES11-2** identifies and uses strategies to comprehend written, spoken, visual, multimodal and digital texts that have been composed for different purposes and contexts

**ES11-3** gains skills in accessing, comprehending and using information to communicate in a variety of ways

**ES11-4** composes a range of texts with increasing accuracy and clarity in different forms

**ES11-5** develops knowledge, understanding and appreciation of how language is used, identifying specific language forms and features that convey meaning in texts

**ES11-6** uses appropriate strategies to compose texts for different modes, media, audiences, contexts and purposes

**ES11-7** represents own ideas in critical, interpretive and imaginative texts

**ES11-8** identifies and describes relationships between texts

**ES11-9** identifies and explores ideas, values, points of view and attitudes expressed in texts, and considers ways in which texts may influence, engage and persuade

**ES11-10** monitors and reflects on aspects of their individual and collaborative processes in order to plan for futur

## TOPICS COVERED

### Year 11 Course

- Mandatory module: Achieving through English - English in Education, Work and Community
- Module D: Digital Worlds - English and the Web
- Module E: Playing the Game – English in Sport

### Year 12 Course

- Mandatory common module: Texts and Human Experiences
- Module A: We Are Australians – English in citizenship, community and cultural identity
- Module K: The Big Screen – English in filmmaking
- Module C: On The Road - English and the Experience of Travel

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment strategies may include:

- Creative Writing
- Webpage creation
- Letters of application
- Travel itinerary
- Blog posts
- Examination

## POTENTIAL CAREERS/REASONS TO CHOOSE COURSE

- Not intending to go to university
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship
- TAFE Studies

## PLEASE NOTE:

**English Studies** is designed for students who wish to refine their skills and knowledge in English and consolidate their English literacy skills to enhance their personal, social, educational and vocational lives. It is a course for students who wish to be awarded a Higher School Certificate, but who are seeking an alternative to the English Standard course.