

## English Studies 2021 and 2022

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC  
Board Developed Course

### 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. It offers comprehensive and contemporary language experiences in the modes of reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and representing.

### Year 11 Course Content

Mandatory module – Achieving through English: English in education, work and community (30-40 hours)  
An additional 2–4 modules (20-30 hours each)

### HSC Course Content

Mandatory Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences (30 hours)  
An additional 2–4 modules (20-45 hours each)

### Particular Course Requirements:

Across Stage 6 the selection of texts will give students experiences of the following as appropriate:

- reading, viewing, listening to and composing a wide range of texts, including literary texts written about intercultural experiences and peoples and cultures of Asia
- Australian texts including texts by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander authors and those that give insights into diverse experiences of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples
- texts with a wide range of cultural, social and gender perspectives, popular and youth cultures
- a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and digital texts

Assessment: HSC Course External Assessment	Weighting	Assessment: HSC Course Internal Assessment	Weighting
<p>To be advised – examination specifications are currently being finalised by NESA</p> <p>Please note – English Studies external examination is <b>OPTIONAL</b>, and if completed, <b>will</b> contribute to the awarding of an ATAR</p>	<p>To be advised</p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding of course content</p> <p>Skills in comprehending texts, communicating ideas and using language accurately, appropriately and effectively</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>

### The Year 12 formal school-based assessment program for English Studies reflects the following requirements:

- a maximum of four assessment tasks
- the minimum weighting for an individual task is 10%
- the maximum weighting for an individual task is 40%
- one task may be a formal written examination with a maximum weighting of 20%
- one task must be a collection of classwork demonstrating student learning across the modules studied with a minimum weighting of 30%
- assessment of the Common Module must integrate teacher or student selected related material