

2019 SENIOR COURSE INFORMATION

Subject
Head of Department

English
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Because of its unique importance in both personal and social development, English is compulsory up to, and including, Year 12.

Rationale:

Language development is essential for growth. Communication enables us to make sense of the world around us, and to establish our own places in it. The ability to read, to use spoken and written language effectively and to understand messages from visual media such as film and television is fundamental to learning, to participation in society and to employment. As students study the English language they develop proficiency both in understanding and in expression; they sharpen their awareness of the many uses and manipulations of language in our world, they are made increasingly aware of our rich literary heritage and they develop their own ability to communicate effectively.

	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Course Content	<p>Students will develop their close reading, as well as their creative and formal writing. They will study various kinds of literature - a selection from: novel, nonfiction, drama, film, short story and poetry. On the more practical level they will make a speech.</p> <p>There are a number of credits available and the final course could differ from class to class, dependant on ability or the interests of the students or the teacher. (In essence we will be aiming at between 20 and 24 credits)</p>	<p>This course builds on the skills established up to Year 11, but the emphasis in Year 12 English is more analytical. In particular, students are encouraged to think critically, and to explore language. Literature topics covered may include: Shakespearean drama, the novel, short stories, poetry and film. Language use is analysed in a variety of situations. Both creative and transactional writing skills are extended in the writing portfolio.</p>	<p>The course builds on analytical skills established in earlier years and moves towards being more evaluative, further extending students' familiarity with an appreciation of our broad literary heritage. The course involves literary criticism and literary genres such as novel, film, poetry and modern drama.</p>
Pre Requisites		<p>Entry to the Year 12 course normally requires a minimum of 14 credits which should include a pass in Unfamiliar texts, one of the writing standards and one of the literature standards.</p>	<p>Entry to the Year 13 course requires a minimum of 14 credits from Level 2 English, which must include a pass in at least one of the externals.</p>
Assessment	<p>All students will initially be entered for the three external papers available, namely: literary text(s), visual text(s) and comprehension of unfamiliar texts.</p> <p>The remainder of the course will be structured to take into account the individual needs of each class group of students. In other words, we will not be taking a 'one size fits all' approach.</p> <p>There are, however, certain standards that you can expect to be covered, namely close viewing, writing and speaking.</p>	<p>All students will initially be entered for the three external papers available, namely: literary text(s), visual text(s) and comprehension of unfamiliar texts.</p> <p>The remainder of the course will be structured to take into account the individual needs of each class group of students. In other words, we will not be taking a 'one size fits all' approach.</p> <p>There are, however, certain standards that you can expect to be covered, namely writing and Information Literacy. A speech is an optional extra which may be offered at the discretion of the teacher.</p>	<p>All students will initially be entered for the three external papers available, namely: literary text(s), visual text(s) and comprehension of unfamiliar texts.</p> <p>The remainder of the course will be structured to take into account the individual needs of each class group of students. In other words, we will not be taking a 'one size fits all' approach.</p> <p>Each student will do: Writing (6) and Connections between Text (4), as well as Close Viewing (4)</p> <p>A Speech will be an optional extra.</p>
Costs	Nothing Specific	Nothing Specific	Nothing Specific