

ENGLISH

English is the only compulsory subject for the Higher School Certificate. It is therefore important that each student chooses the course/s suited to her interest and ability. To fulfil the requirements for the HSC students will complete **one** Preliminary course and **one** HSC course in:

- **English Advanced: 2 Units of study**

Students undertaking **English Advanced** may then choose, in addition, to study:

- **English Extension 1: 1 Unit of study**
 - This is a prerequisite for HSC English Extension 1.
 - This is a prerequisite for HSC English Extension 2.
- **English Extension 2: 1 Unit of study**
 - This course commences at the beginning of Term 4, when you begin your HSC year.
 - This course is only available to students who also study HSC English Extension 1.
 - Admission to this course is subject to an **entry process** (see below) in Year 10.

ENGLISH ADVANCED

English Advanced is designed for students to undertake the challenge of higher-order thinking to enhance their personal, social, educational and vocational lives. These students apply critical and creative skills in their composition of and response to texts in order to develop their academic achievement through understanding the nature and function of complex texts.

Preliminary English Advanced course content and requirements:

The course has three sections:

- Common Module: Reading to Write
- Module A: Narratives that Shape Our World
- Module B: Critical Study of Literature

In the Preliminary English Advanced course, students will:

- study challenging written, spoken, visual, multimodal and digital texts that represent and reflect a changing global world
- study a range of types of texts drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and digital texts
- engage in critical study and the skilful and creative use of language forms and features, and of structures of texts composed for different purposes in a range of contexts

HSC English Advanced course content and requirements:

The course has four sections:

- Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences
- Module A: Textual Conversations
- Module B: Critical Study of Literature
- Module C: The Craft of Writing

In the HSC English Advanced course, students will:

- closely study **FOUR** prescribed texts, one drawn from each of the following categories: Shakespearean drama, prose fiction, poetry OR drama. The remaining text may be film, media or nonfiction text or may be selected from one of the categories above.
- study **ONE** related text in the common module: Texts and Human Experiences
- extend the knowledge and skills developed in the Preliminary English Advanced course

HSC External Assessment

- English Advanced HSC Examination, Paper 1: Common Module
 - This 1.5-hour examination consists of two sections worth 20 marks each. This examination will assess the Common Module only.
- English Advanced HSC Examination, Paper 2: Modules
 - This 2-hour examination consists of three sections worth 20 marks each. This examination will assess the three Modules only.

ENGLISH EXTENSION 1

English Extension 1 is designed for students undertaking English Advanced who choose to study at a more intensive level in diverse but specific areas. They enjoy engaging with complex levels of conceptualisation and seek the opportunity to work in increasingly independent ways. The course is designed for students with an interest in literature and a desire to pursue specialised study of English.

Preliminary English Extension 1 course content and requirements:

The course has two sections:

- Module: Texts, Culture and Value
- Related Research Project

In the Preliminary English Extension 1 course, students will:

- engage with increasingly complex concepts through a broad range of literature, from a range of contexts, to refine their understanding and appreciation of the cultural roles and the significance of texts.
- pursue areas of interest with increased independence and to theorise about the processes of responding to and composing texts
- learn about research methodology to enable them to undertake extensive investigation used to develop extended compositions

HSC English Extension 1 course content and requirements:

The course has one section:

- Common Module: Literary Worlds

In the HSC English Extension 1 course, students will:

- explore, analyse and critically evaluate THREE prescribed texts, including two extended print texts and two related texts
- select their own related texts to explore, analyse and critically evaluate
- experiment with critical and creative compositions
- extend the knowledge and skills developed in the Preliminary English Extension 1 course

HSC External Assessment

- English Extension 1 HSC Examination
 - This 2-hour examination consists of two sections worth 25 marks each. This examination will assess the Common Module and the chosen Elective.

ENGLISH EXTENSION 2 (HSC year only)

The English Extension 2 course enables students who are accomplished in their use of English with the opportunity to craft language and refine their personal voice in critical and creative ways. They can master skills in the composition process to create a substantial and original Major Work that extends their knowledge, understanding and skills developed throughout Stage 6 English courses. The course is designed for students who are independent learners with an interest in literature and a desire to pursue specialised study of English.

HSC English Extension 2 course content and requirements:

The course involves four elements:

- The Composition Process
- Major Work
- Reflection Statement
- The Major Work Journal

In the HSC English Extension 1 course, students will:

- undertake extensive independent investigation involving a range of complex texts during the composition process and document this in their Major Work Journal and Reflection Statement
- pursue areas of interest independently, develop deep knowledge and manipulate language in their own extended compositions
- apply and extend research skills developed in the English Extension 1 course to their own extensive investigation and develop autonomy and skills as a learner and composer

HSC External Assessment

- submission of a Major Work worth 40 marks
- submission of a Reflection Statement worth 10 marks

PLEASE NOTE:

Students should be aware that HSC English Extension 2 is a demanding course that draws on not only a student's creative and critical thinking, but their ability to monitor and reflect on their project as part of a stringent monitoring process. Only students who are committed to creative self-expression, coupled with a well-developed ability to think critically and solve problems in their chosen form, who are focused and self-directed enough to commit to this process, should consider it as part of their HSC load.

Therefore, in order to be considered for enrolment in the subject, students are required to apply for entry into the course via an expression of interest which includes:

- A covering document which outlines the student's genuine appreciation for and understanding of a particular form, explaining why they care about the form, as well as the student's familiarity with its defining characteristics. Reference must be made to preferred composers in a specific and thoughtful manner. Applicants should also include their anticipated focus: an idea, an event, a time in history etc. If they don't have a clear purpose for their project, they may struggle to develop an engaging and persuasive work and will lack conviction.
- A sample of their creative or critical work in their chosen form which demonstrates their ability to compose in their chosen form and indicates an awareness of the demands of crafting their response. This must be created specifically for the application and cannot be work previously submitted for previous units of work.

Application timeline:

- More information about applying for this course will be distributed in early Term 3.
- Applications will close at the end of Week 8, Term 3.
- Students will be advised of the success of their application well before the selection deadline of Week 4, Term 4.