



Holsworthy
High School

English Faculty

English Years 11 and 12



The aim of English Stage 6 is 'to enable students to understand, use, enjoy and value the English language in its various textual forms and to become thoughtful, imaginative and effective communicators in a diverse and changing society.'

For students in New South Wales to fulfill the requirements for the Higher School Certificate they will need to complete ONE Preliminary English course and ONE English HSC course from:

- English (Advanced)
- English (Standard)
- English Studies

Students undertaking (Advanced) may choose, in addition, to study:

- English (Extension) - The HSC English Extension Course 1, which consists of 60 indicative hours of study. Approval to undertake this course is subject to HT English approval.
- The HSC English Extension Course 2, which consists of a Major Work undertaken over 60 indicative hours of study is only offered in Year 12. This course may only be undertaken

in addition to the HSC Extension Course. Approval to undertake this course is subject to HT English and Principal approval.

ENGLISH ADVANCED

Rationale 2 Units Course Content

English Advanced is a challenging course for very capable students who enjoy reading and viewing widely and writing for a variety of purposes. Students at this level must demonstrate sophisticated writing and analytical skills and must be prepared to undertake independent research. Course content covers a wide range of texts including the compulsory study of Shakespeare. If you choose the Advanced Course, you may consider the Extension Course (from Year 11) and Extension 2 course in Year 12 only (see separate slide details).

PRELIMINARY COURSE – Year 11

- Study of Australian and other texts.
- Exploration of a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and / or multimedia texts.

HSC COURSE – Year 12

- The close study of at least five types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: Shakespearean drama; prose fiction; drama or film; poetry; non-fiction or media or multimedia texts.
- A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.

ENGLISH STANDARD

The majority of our students will select to do the Standard Course.

Course Rationale

This is a challenging but very worthwhile course. Students who study it will be expected to study a minimum of 3 texts and it should be understood that 'texts can include film, poetry, novel, drama and short stories. Students will undertake various modules which will involve text study and the collection of material related to the work being studied. This material could come from newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, films, multimedia or from other sources.

The oral (spoken) component of the course is quite significant, and students will be expected to speak to a variety of audiences.

Preliminary English (Standard) Course

Students are required to:

- Study Australian and other texts.
- Explore a range of types of text drawn from prose fiction, drama, poetry, nonfiction, film, media and / or multimedia texts.

HSC English (Standard) course requires:

- The close study of at least three types of prescribed text, one drawn from each of the following categories: prose fiction; drama; poetry; nonfiction; film; media or multimedia texts.
- A wide range of additional related texts and textual forms.

For more information talk to the English teachers and read your Prospectus.

ENGLISH STUDIES

The English Studies course is designed to help students to develop an understanding of, and practical competence in, the use of language that allows access to opportunities in schooling, training and employment. By studying a variety of texts, students will have the opportunity to become competent, confident and engaged communicators. Students have the opportunity to select the ATAR or non-ATAR version of the course.

Preliminary English Studies Course

This course requires students to:

- read, view, listen to and compose a wide range of texts including print and multimodal texts
- study the Achieving Through English module as well as two additional elective modules
- develop a portfolio of texts they have planned, drafted, edited and presented in written, graphic and/or electronic forms across all the modules undertaken during the year.

HSC English (Studies) Course requires students to:

- Read, view, listen to and compose a wide range of texts including print and multimodal texts
- Develop a portfolio of texts they have planned, drafted, edited and presented in written, graphic and/or electronic forms across all the modules undertaken during the year
- Study ONE text from the prescribed text list and one related text for the Common Module – Texts and Human Experiences.

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