

Senior English

*"The limits
of my
language are
the limits of
my world..."*

Ludwig Wittgenstein



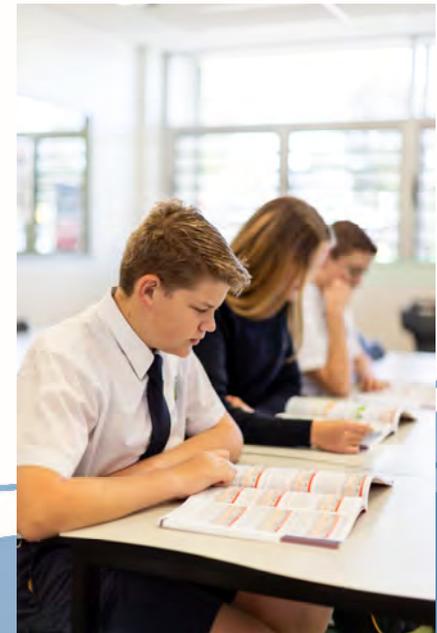
Our Mission

To develop inspired, innovative and resilient learners prepared to challenge the future.

SENIOR ENGLISH

GENERAL ENGLISH ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

Senior Program 11-12



GENERAL ENGLISH

General English focuses on the study of both literary texts and non-literary texts, developing students as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, analyse perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations through the analysis and creation of varied texts. This course is designed for students who have a deep love of reading and writing.

Students of General English study four key areas throughout Year 11 and 12: perspectives and text, text and culture, textual connections and the close study of literary texts. Novels, plays, poetry and media are the texts used in these units.

Modes of assessment include spoken and written assignments and examinations. Importantly, the General English course culminates in an external essay examination in response to an unseen question at the end of Year 12. The exam is worth 25% of their summative results. Students who select General English need to be aware of this and be prepared for the necessary study and preparation.

ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

Essential English develops and refines students understanding of language, literature and literacy to enable them to interact confidently and effectively with others in everyday, community and social contexts. The subject encourages students to recognise language and texts as relevant in their lives now and in the future and enables them to understand, accept or challenge the values and attitudes in these texts.

Students of Essential English study four key areas throughout Year 11 and 12: language that works, texts and human experiences, language that influences and representations and popular culture texts. Advertisements websites, images, films, television shows, text excerpts, autobiographies, articles, textbooks and speeches are just some of the texts students will use in Essential English.

Modes of assessment include written and spoken assignments. In Year 12, students will sit the common internal exam which accounts for 25% of their summative result. It is a short response to stimulus test that includes some seen stimulus (provided one week prior) and some unseen.

General English is an ATAR subject and its results can contribute to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. It is beneficial for those who are wanting to move into university studies or other tertiary studies upon the completion of Year 12.

Essential English is an Applied subject and its results can contribute towards an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank if studies in combination with the necessary General and certificate subjects. Essential English is beneficial for those wanting to move into tertiary studies, vocation education or work.

