English Studies

**Level:** Stage 2

**Course length:** Full year

**Credit value:** 20 Credit points

**Advice to students**
Students should have satisfactorily completed SACE Stage 1 English and have an interest in literature and analysis.

**Course overview**
In English Studies students read a range of extended texts and a number of shorter texts. They read texts analytically from a range of contexts, including from the past, contemporary texts and those from everyday experience. Students focus on the skills and strategies of critical thinking needed to interpret texts. Through a shared and individual study of texts they have opportunities to exchange and develop ideas, find evidence to support a personal view and learn to construct logical and convincing arguments.

Students undertake tasks with the following:

1. **Text Study**
   The Text study comprises **four shared studies** and an **individual study**.
   - **Shared studies** consists of:
     - Study of two single texts
     - Study of paired texts
     - Study of poetry
     - Critical reading of short texts.
   - **Individual study** consists of **two parts**.
     - Critical Essay
     - Collection of Supporting Material.

2. **Text Production Study**
   Students compose texts, both written and oral, covering a range of text types.

**Assessment**

*School-based assessment*
- Shared Studies 30%
- Individual Study 20%
- Text Production 20%

*External assessment*
- Examination 30%

**Pathways**
This course is a useful tool for tertiary studies, particularly at university.

**Further information**
Students who gain a C grade or better in this subject can count the credits towards the literacy requirements of the SACE.