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# SUBJECT SELECTION

## ENGLISH

# MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- ✿ You are required to study at least 2 units of English for the HSC.
- ✿ The 2 unit courses on offer are:
  - ✿ Standard English (2 units Preliminary and HSC)
  - ✿ Advanced English (2 units Preliminary and HSC)
  - ✿ English Studies (2 units Preliminary and HSC). **Note that English Studies is a non-ATAR subject.**

# EXTENSION COURSES



- ✿ Have a passion for English?
- ✿ English Extension 1 (1 unit) and English Extension 2 (1 unit) are also on offer in addition to your 2 unit Advanced Course.
- ✿ English Ext 1 (Preliminary) is a prerequisite for English Ext 1 (HSC) and English Ext 2 (HSC)

# HOW DO I KNOW WHICH COURSE TO CHOOSE?

- ✿ See your teacher for advice
- ✿ Base your decision on level of interest and results. Students considering Advanced English should be achieving results above 70% in Year 10.

## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COURSES?



- ✿ Standard English: Area of Study: Belonging (40%), 3 x Electives (novel, contemporary film/multimedia, contemporary drama)
- ✿ Currently in Standard English (Yr 12) we are studying: Belonging: Peter Skrzynecki poetry and related texts, Into the World: *Billy Elliot* and related texts, *Briar Rose* (novel) and Distinctively Visual: *The Shoe-horn Sonata* and other related texts.
- ✿ Differences: Shakespeare is compulsory in Adv, texts more contemporary and accessible in Standard. Advanced requires “critical study” of text rather than “close study”

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## WHAT DOES THE HSC IN ENGLISH LOOK LIKE?

- ✿ Students in Standard and Advanced sit TWO (2), 2 hour papers.
- ✿ Paper 1 is the Area of Study. [Click here](#) to see some examples.
- ✿ Paper 2 is the Modules Paper. [Click here](#) to see some examples.

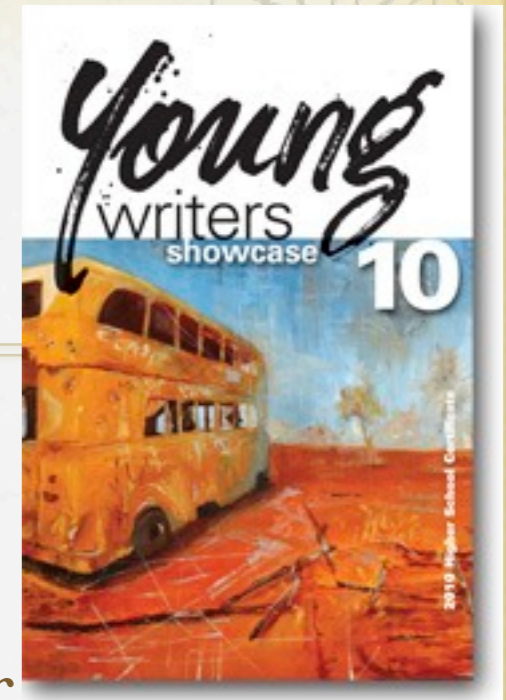
## WHAT IS ENGLISH STUDIES?

- ✿ English Studies is being offered for the first time at St.Leo's Catholic College in 2012.
- ✿ English Studies is a non-ATAR course that is designed for students who wish to prepare for the demands of the workplace and become more effective communicators. The course is not examined externally.
- ✿ Some examples of electives: “In the marketplace- English in the world of business” , “Playing the game- English in sport”, “Achieving in English- English and the worlds of education, careers and community”

# THE BENEFITS OF EXTENSION ENGLISH

- ✿ Both E1 and E2 are highly independent courses and you develop research and composition skills. These courses prepare you for the demands of higher study.
- ✿ You can indulge your passion for literature or writing. In E1, you study a genre (such as Crime or Science Fiction) or study a literary movement (such as Romanticism). You write a creative writing response and essay in the final 2 hour exam.

# E1 AND E2



- ✿ Remember, Extension 1 is the pre-requisite for Extension 2!
- ✿ In E2, you compose your own Major Work in the form of a short story, critical essay, suite of poems or short film.
- ✿ To get a sense of what you might create, check out the Young Writers' Showcase compilation of the best HSC E2 Major Works (available in the Library)

# SOME URBAN MYTHS

- ✿ You move “down” to Standard English
- ✿ English Advanced scales better than English Standard
- ✿ A lower Advanced score is better than a higher Standard result.



## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

- ✿ Visit the NSW Board of Studies website at [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)
- ✿ Talk to your English teacher or the KLA Coordinator, Mrs McMahan.