Stage 6

ENGLISH FACULTY

To fulfil the requirements for the Higher School certificate; students will complete ONE Preliminary and ONE HSC course from:

**English (Advanced)** 2 Units

- A challenging course for very capable students who are exemplary in reading, viewing and writing. Students must display sophisticated writing and analytical skills.

- It is imperative that a student considering studying Advanced English do so after consultation and a recommendation from their classroom teacher.

**English (Standard)** 2 Units

The majority of students study this course. A challenging course that explores a wide range of literary texts selected from a wide medium. Integrated modes of study which include reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.

**English (Studies) which is Non ATAR** 2 Units

English Studies is a Content Endorsed course developed by the Board of Studies to cater for students in specific areas of need. This course does not have an external HSC examination and results are not eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank). For this reason, this course will not enable students to go to university directly from school. We suggest students considering this course to seek careers advice regarding implications for post school training and employment opportunities.

This course offers a comprehensive and relevant language experience and experience of literature. It aims to increase the opportunities available to students in their personal, social and vocational lives.

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

**English (Extension)** 1 and/or 2 1 Unit

Students are to demonstrate a love of literature who wishes to spend extra time on English through a specialist challenging study of complex and sophisticated literature.

The study of all English courses involves responding to and composing texts in and for a range of personal, social, cultural, historical and workplace contexts using a variety of language modes.

**Drama** 2 Units

Drama will involve the study of plays, performances and scripts. It will consist of practical and theory work including improvisation, play building, mime and elements of production. Creative pieces will include solo and group performances along with appreciating live theatre. Students will write scripts along with developing self-confidence and self-expression. Opportunities will arise to showcase student work at formal school assemblies and MADD night presentations.