## **Essential English**

Applied Senior Subject

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School Code	ENE		
Year Level	11 & 12	QCE Credits	4
Subject Type	Applied Subject	VET Contribution	N/A
Recommended Academic Performance	Nil		
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills	Collaboration and Teamwork		
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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. Students recognise language and texts as relevant in their lives now and in the future and learn to understand, accept or challenge the values and attitudes in these texts.

Students engage with language and texts to foster skills to communicate confidently and effectively in Standard Australian • English in a variety of contemporary contexts and social situations, including everyday, social, community, further education and work-related contexts. They choose generic structures, language, language features and technologies to best convey meaning. They develop skills to read for meaning and purpose, and to use, critique • and appreciate a range of contemporary literary and non-literary texts.

Students use language effectively to produce texts for a variety of purposes and audiences and engage creative and imaginative • thinking to explore their own world and the worlds of others. They actively and critically interact with a range of texts, developing an awareness of how the language they engage with positions them and others.

#### Pathways

A course of study in Essential English promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare students for local and global citizenship, and for • lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

A C standard in Essential English is a pre-requisite for entry into TAFE and ADF.

### Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- use appropriate roles and relationships with audiences
- construct and explain representations of identities, places, events and concepts
- make use of and explain the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and influence meaning
- explain how language features and text structures shape meaning and invite particular responses
- select and use subject matter to support perspectives
- sequence subject matter and use mode-appropriate cohesive devices to construct coherent texts
- make mode-appropriate language choices according to register informed by purpose, audience and context
- use language features to achieve particular purposes

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### Structure:

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<ul> <li>Language that works</li> <li>Responding to a variety of texts used in and developed for a work context</li> <li>Creating multimodal and written texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Texts and human experiences</li> <li>Responding to reflective and nonfiction texts that explore human experiences</li> <li>Creating spoken and written texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language that influences</li> <li>Creating and shaping perspectives on community, local and global issues in texts</li> <li>Responding to texts that seek to influence audiences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Representations and popular culture texts</li> <li>Responding to popular culture texts</li> <li>Creating representations of Australian identifies, places, events and concepts</li> </ul>

### Assessment:

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

Unit	1	Unit	2
FIA1:		FIA3:	
•	Extended spoken response (spoken/signed response 3-	•	Extended response (spoken multimodal, 3-5 minutes)
FIA2:		FIA4:	
•	Examination-short response (300-500 words—90 minutes).	•	Extended response (written response, 400-700 words)

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. Schools develop three summative internal assessments and the common internal assessment (CIA) is developed by the QCAA.

## Summative assessments:

Unit	3	Unit	4
Summ	ative internal assessment 1 (IA1):	IA3	
•	Extended response — spoken/signed response (4-6 minutes)	•	Extended response (spoken multimodal response, 4-6 minutes)
IA2		IA4	
•	Common internal assessment (CIA) – short response examination (400-600 words—90 minutes)	•	Extended response (written response, 500-800 words)