
CORE PROGRAM

English

DURATION OF SUBJECT

Full year

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students are exposed to a number of writing styles and genres that enhance their understanding and appreciation of literature. Key language conventions are taught via explicit instruction and developed through regular reading and writing exercises.

A variety of texts are explored including a novel, a play and persuasive texts. The study of text is extended with analysis of a piece of classical literature and an appreciation of its significance within historical and contemporary contexts, as well as creative and persuasive writing. Students' verbal skills are developed through oral presentations, debating and class discussion activities.

ASSESSMENT

Tasks that students are required to complete may include persuasive writing, text response essays, creative responses, oral presentations and end of semester examinations.

English Study Skills

DURATION OF SUBJECT

Full year

COURSE DESCRIPTION

English Study Skills supports skill development in reading, writing, speaking and listening for students with a demonstrated need for literacy support. As far as is practicable, the program is tailored to meet the individual literacy needs of each student. There is a high focus on consulting with staff at Canowindra to ensure that students are supported in their learning across all subject areas. Content will vary due to the individualised nature of the program but may include; developing comprehension, summarising and analysing skills, development of writing and spelling strategies, essay writing styles and skills, extension of vocabulary, compiling of bibliographies, the development of effective study habits and routines, research skills and using the Internet and other sources of information with discernment.

This is not an open entry subject. There are specific guidelines set out by the College for entry into this subject.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in this subject is formative and is based on negotiated individual student goals. As a result, the end of semester reports will be descriptive in nature. Activities include Literature Circles, vocabulary building activities, creative writing tasks, explicit teaching and practice of writing structures, class discussions and note taking and summarising.