
VCE UNITS INFORMATION

VCE English Units 3 and 4

CONTENT

Unit 3

In this unit, students identify, discuss and analyse how the features of selected texts create meaning and how they influence interpretation. In identifying and analysing explicit and implied ideas and values in texts, students examine the ways in which readers are invited to respond to texts. They develop and justify their own detailed interpretations of texts. Students also analyse and compare the use of argument and language in texts that debate a topical issue. Students read and view media texts in a variety of forms, including print, non-print and multimodal, and develop their understanding of the way in which language and argument complement one another in positioning the reader.

Unit 4

In this unit, students explore the meaningful connections between two texts. They analyse texts, including the interplay between character and setting, voice and structure, and how ideas, issues and themes are conveyed. By comparing the texts, they gain a deeper understanding of the ideas, issues and themes that reflect the world and human experiences. Students also build their understanding of both the analysis and construction of texts that attempt to influence audiences. They use their knowledge of argument and persuasive language as a basis for the development of their own persuasive texts in relation to a topical issue.

OUTCOMES

Unit 3

- Students should be able to produce an analytical interpretation of a selected text, and a creative response to a different selected text
- Students should be able to analyse and compare the use of argument and persuasive language in texts that present a point of view on an issue currently debated in the media

Unit 4

- Students should be able to produce a detailed comparison which analyses how two selected texts present ideas, issues and themes
- Students should be able to construct a sustained and reasoned point of view on an issue currently debated in the media

ASSESSMENT

In English the student's level of achievement will be determined by School Assessed Coursework and end of year examination. Percentage contributions to the study score in English are as follows:

- Unit 3 School Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 4 School Assessed Coursework: 25%
- End of year examination: 50%