

English Standard or English Studies

English is a compulsory subject.

There are two different English courses offered at Newman.

ENGLISH STANDARD

COMPULSORY HSC EXAMINATION

This 2 unit course is designed for students to increase their expertise in English to enhance their personal, educational, social and vocational lives. The course provides opportunities to become confident and effective communicators.

Students study, analyse, respond to and compose a wide range of texts. They explore language forms, features and structures of texts in a range of academic, personal, social, historical, cultural and workplace contexts.

Students further develop skills in literacy, and independent, collaborative and reflective learning. Such skills form the basis of sound practices of investigation and analysis required for adult life, including the world of work as well as post-school training and education

Preliminary students study:

- **Common Module-Reading to Write:** Transition to Senior English
- **Module A: Contemporary Possibilities**
- **Module B: Close Study of Literature**

Course Requirements

- Electronic device as per College requirements.
- Students require a 300 page A4 exercise book, pens, highlighters, glue, ruler and pencils.

ENGLISH STUDIES

OPTIONAL HSC EXAMINATION

English Studies focuses on supporting students to refine and consolidate their English literacy knowledge and skills to enhance their, educational, social and vocational lives.

This 2 unit course is distinctive in its focus on the development of students' language and literary skills. It centres on empowering students to comprehend, interpret and evaluate the ideas, values, language forms, features and structures of texts from a range of everyday, social, cultural, academic, community and workplace contexts.

Students strengthen their ability to access and comprehend information, to assess and to synthesise knowledge gained from a variety of sources.

The English Studies course encourages the development of skills in literacy, individual and collaborative processes and reflective learning. Such skills form the basis of investigation and analysis required for the world of work, as well as post-school training and education.

Preliminary students study:

- **Mandatory Module-Achieving Through English:** English in education, work and community
- **2 additional Modules are also undertaken:** These modules allow teachers to consider the needs and interests of the students and may change year to year.

How do the two courses compare?

SIMILARITIES:

- Both courses count as 2 units towards the HSC. They are of equal importance. Students **MUST** complete either course to a satisfactory standard in order to be eligible to receive their HSC.
- In both courses, students are expected to produce work to the best of their ability and meet all course expectations regarding the completion of class work, homework and assessments.
- Both courses have the same strict requirements and expectations regarding plagiarism and students completing their own work.
- Students study an equivalent number of hours/lessons in each course.
- Students are exposed to a variety of texts/literature in both courses.
- Students complete written and multi-modal assessment tasks which includes oral responses in both courses.
- Students are required to sit Trial HSC exam papers for both courses.

DIFFERENCES:

- Students undertaking the English Studies course may choose to sit an **optional** HSC examination.
- Students need to check the suitability of English Studies for entry into courses (eg: defence forces officer training, or entry into the police force, nursing).
- English Studies is suitable for general employment situations, trade apprenticeships and trade-based careers in the armed forces.
- English Studies assessment tasks are not essay-focused but there are a variety of extended responses which will still require drafting, conferencing, editing and publishing.
- English Studies grades are based on internal school-based assessment.
- **English Standard assessment tasks are more heavily reliant on essay writing and textual analysis. English Standard students must sit two external HSC English exams.**



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