

Essential English

Level: Stage 1

Course length: 1 semester or
2 semesters

Credit value: 10 Credits
20 Credits

Advice to students

Essential English may be studied as a 10-Credit or 20-Credit subject. This subject is designed for students who are seeking to meet the SACE literacy requirement. No background knowledge is required.

Course overview

The study of Essential English focuses on the development of students' skills in communication, comprehension, language and text analysis and creating texts, through:

- Responding to Texts
- Creating Texts

The study of Essential English also involves ways in which students use language to establish and maintain connections with people in different contexts. The program may focus on a single context or a range of contexts for different parts of the program.

The specific contexts chosen for study may be social, cultural, community, workplace, and/or imagined with teachers working with students to support the achievement of their goals.

Assessment

Assessment at Stage 1 Essential English is school based. Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through a number of assessments from each of these assessment types:

- Responding to Texts
- Creating Texts

At least one assessment (10 credit subject) or two assessments (20 credit subject) should be an oral or multimodal presentation and at least one (10 credit subject) or two (20 credit subject) should be in written form.

Pathways

Students can study Stage 2 Essential English upon successful completion of Stage 1 Essential English.

Further information

Students who achieve a C grade or better in 20 Credits of SACE Stage 1 Essential English meet the literacy requirement in the SACE.