



# VCE English/EAL

**English/EAL study is compulsory for all students at VCE**

**This means all students study at least 4 units of English/EAL**

**Units 1 & 2 are usually studied in Year 11**





**Units 3 & 4 are usually studied in Year 12**

**Students must pass at least 3 units of English/EAL  
to be awarded the VCE**

**Students must pass both Units 3 & 4 of English/EAL  
to be awarded the VCE and to receive an ATAR**



# For example:

YEAR 11 Unit 1 English/EAL		YEAR 11 Unit 2 English/EAL		= no VCE
YEAR 12 Unit 3 English/EAL		YEAR 12 Unit 4 English/EAL		

YEAR 11 Unit 1 English/EAL		YEAR 11 Unit 2 English/EAL		= VCE
YEAR 12 Unit 3 English/EAL		YEAR 12 Unit 4 English/EAL		

## **English/EAL is an important subject:**

**1. It has a big impact on your ATAR score**

**2. All university courses have a minimum requirement for English/EAL, for example:**

**Law: minimum requirement: 30**

**Engineering: minimum requirement: 30**

**3. Doing well in VCE English/EAL shows that you can communicate clearly and effectively**

**4. It also demonstrates good analytical and critical thinking skills – these are important skills to have, regardless of the course you will be studying or the job you will have in the future**

## Areas of Study VCE English

- **Reading and exploring texts**

*A personal response to a text*

*An analytical text response essay*

- **Crafting Text**

*Two student-created texts such as: short stories, speeches, essays (comment, opinion, reflective, personal), podcasts, poetry/songs, feature articles(including a series of blog postings) and memoirs*

- **Exploring Argument**

*An analysis of the use of argument and persuasive language in a text*

*An oral presentation of a point of view*

# Areas of Study - VCE EAL

Similar to English, with a few differences:

- **EAL students might study extracts from texts instead of the full text**
- **EAL students write slightly shorter essays and make shorter speeches than English students**
- **EAL students receive more scaffolding, including support with note-taking, annotations of texts and with developing mind maps of arguments and ideas**
- **Eligibility for EAL: 7 years or less in Australia. (Eligibility form completed in Year 11)**



# What can I do to be successful in English/EAL?



- 1. Read widely and stay up-to-date with current affairs**
- 2. Read the prescribed texts over the holidays**
- 3. Complete all the practice essays so that you can obtain feedback from the teacher**
- 4. Take notes during explanations and discussions**
- 5. Participate actively in class discussions – all opinions and insights are valid!**