



Literature

Description

Literature focuses on the meaning derived from texts, the relationship between texts, the contexts in which texts are produced and read, and the experiences the reader brings to the texts. In VCE Literature students undertake close reading of texts and analyse how language and literary elements and techniques function within a text. Emphasis is placed on recognition of a text's complexity and meaning, and on consideration of how that meaning is embodied in its literary form. The study provides opportunities for reading deeply, widely and critically, responding analytically and creatively, and appreciating the aesthetic merit of texts.

Unit Topics

Unit 1 - Approaches to literature

Unit 2 - Context and connections

Unit 3 - Form and transformation

Unit 4 - Interpreting texts

Skill Development

The study of Literature contributes to the development of literate individuals capable of critical and creative thinking, aesthetic appreciation and creativity. This study also develops student's ability to create and analyse texts, moving from interpretation to reflection and critical analysis. Through engagement with texts from the contemporary world and from the past, and using texts from Australia and from other cultures, students studying Literature become confident, articulate and critically aware communicators and further develop a sense of themselves, their world and their place within it. For capable English students who wish to maximise their English study score, the study of Literature, even if only in Year 11, is highly recommended.

Possible Assessment Tasks

Tasks for assessment may include: Identifying and evaluating views and values promoted in texts, textual analysis, reading and comparing texts and presenting both analytical and creative responses to both individual and thematically related texts.

Activities/Camps/Excursions

Textual analysis, creative writing, evaluation and analysis of author's views and values, comparing and contrasting texts form part of the activities undertaken. Also viewing of texts as a film or as a performance and exploring how the text is transformed.

Career Options

This study offers a number of opportunities for students to develop employability skills. These include writing, editing within the education and the art industries. Literature is also important in any area that requires analysis of language and how it is used to inform and influence.