Sample Course Outline

English as an Additional Language or Dialect

General Year 12

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Semester 1 – Attitudes, issues and identity

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| Week | Syllabus content (drawn from unit content and the Language table) | Assessment tasks |
| 1–3 | Overview of course and expectations – course documents and school assessment policyAppraisal of student levels and linguistic and cultural background and self-introductionUse of dictionaries, thesauruses, school library and resources, and web‑based resources**Comprehension skills and strategies*** using contextual information, structure and visual elements to predict the content of aural, written, graphic and film texts
* identifying linguistic and structural features of a range of more complex text types, including literary and transactional texts
* distinguishing between main ideas and supporting details and between fact and opinion
* defining some common SAE cultural references and implied meanings in texts
* selecting and evaluating suitable information sources, skimming for general meaning and scanning for specific information, note-taking, summarising, paraphrasing, using graphic organisers to collect and collate information, synthesising information from two sources
* using a range of reference texts, including dictionaries, thesauruses, grammar texts and digital resources to assist language learning and comprehension
* using strategies to plan, reflect on and consolidate own learning

**Language and textual analysis*** identifying how different purposes and contexts influence language choices and meaning
* explaining how language is used to influence or persuade an audience or to express appreciation of an object, a process or a performance
* describing the effect of register, style and tone on meaning
* explaining the effects of descriptive language and imagery in texts
* describing how language reflects sociocultural constructions of age, gender, race and identity

**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 1: Response**Read, view and listen to a range of texts about culturally significant sites in Australia. Respond to short and extended answer questions about these texts. |
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**Creating texts*** using appropriate structure and content to communicate ideas and opinions for different purposes and audiences
* using paragraphing to organise and communicate main and supporting ideas
* using digital, multimodal and print-based technologies
* using common language features, including subject-specific vocabulary, synonyms and antonyms, adjectives and adverbs used to create modality, some nominalisation, common collocations and idioms and conjunctions connecting ideas within and across sentences
* using description, characterisation, and direct and indirect speech
* using cohesive devices at sentence, paragraph and whole text level
* using research skills and strategies, including note-taking, note‑making, summaries, and graphic organisers to collect and collate relevant information, paraphrasing and synthesising, quoting and referencing appropriately
* using strategies for planning, rehearsing, editing and refining, including monitoring and correcting spelling, grammar and punctuation, and the use of dictionaries and thesauruses

**Language Table**Relevant items | **Task 2: Investigation**Investigate cultural conceptions of land and ownership through watching the film *Australia* and writing a film review. |
| 8–10 | **Communication skills and strategies*** seeking assistance and asking for clarification in social, work and academic contexts, negotiate meaning and re-establishing communication, using home language or dialect to clarify understanding, seek feedback
* using intelligible pronunciation, intonation, stress and rhythm at word and phrase level in texts, including interviews, role plays, group discussions, debates and informal speeches
* understanding non-verbal cues as related to SAE contexts, including conventions of eye contact, gesture, physical space/distance
* understanding and using some common SAE cultural references, idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms, and culturally accepted politeness conventions and protocols in different contexts
* identifying assumptions and beliefs underlying certain practices, including variations in greetings and displays of respect in different cultures
* using active listening strategies and working collaboratively with others

**Language Table**Relevant items | **Task 3: Production (oral)** Participate in a debate on a topic such as ‘Change is good for Australian society’ or ‘The negative effects of technology on Australia’s youth outweigh the benefits’. |
| 12  |  | **Task 4: Externally set task** A written task or item or set of items of one hour duration developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and administered by the school |
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**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 5:** **Production (written)**Read the novel *Blueback* and explore themes such as the impact of change or people on the environment, sustainable living and the importance of the land. Write an essay in response. |

Semester 2 – Society and Community Engagement

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| Week | Syllabus content (drawn from unit content and the Language table) | Assessment tasks |
| 1–4 | **Comprehension skills and strategies*** listening, reading and viewing for specific purposes and content
* describing and classifying the form, medium and subject matter of texts
* describing and explaining characters, settings, plots and sub-plots, themes and narrative point(s) of view in texts
* explaining ideas, issues and arguments presented in non-fiction texts
* interpreting cultural references and implied meanings in texts
* selecting information sources and synthesise information from these sources
* using a range of reference texts, including dictionaries to assist interpretation and explanation of ideas

**Language and textual analysis*** identifying how the selection of text structures and language features can influence an audience
* explaining overt and implicit assumptions made in texts, including those in editorial opinions and those in stereotypes used in advertising
* explaining the effects of shifts in register, style and tone
* analysing how point of view shapes audience response
* analysing connections between texts
* explaining the visual features of texts and interpreting graphic representations of data
* using language to express judgement of an object, a process, or a performance
* using metalanguage to express personal and critical responses to texts

**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 6: Response**Read and view a range of texts related to contemporary social issues such as e‑waste, sustainability or genetic modification. Respond to short and extended answer questions about these texts. |
| 5–8 | **Creating texts*** using a range of text types and digital, multimodal and print-based technologies
* using language appropriate to the context, including imaginative, persuasive and rhetorical forms and features
* using stylistic and grammatical choices for effect and clarity, including complex lexical elements, modality and subject-specific language forms and features
* using culturally specific phrases, idioms, collocations and references
* using a range of research sources and methods, including interviews, surveys or questionnaires
* using research skills and strategies, including note-taking and note‑making, summarising and using graphic organisers to collect, collate and evaluate information, paraphrasing, synthesising and quoting with in-text citation and end-of-text referencing
* using strategies for planning, rehearsing, editing and refining, including monitoring and correcting spelling, grammar and punctuation, and the use of dictionaries and thesauruses

**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 7: Production (written)** Choose a contemporary social issue that you have studied in class that interests you and write a letter to your local member of parliament outlining your concerns related to this issue and making suggestions about how to improve the situation. |
| 9–12 | **Communication skills and strategies*** initiating, sustaining and concluding interactions, demonstrating skills in turn-taking, changing topics and accepting and rejecting ideas, in a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts
* using intelligible pronunciation, stress, rhythm and intonation at word, phrase and sentence level
* understanding and using non-verbal cues in a range of formal and informal contexts
* understanding common cultural references, conceptual metaphors and connotations
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**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 8: Investigation** Investigate the topic of community engagement. Write a survey to distribute to ten family members, friends or acquaintances to find out how they engage with their community. Use the results from your survey to produce a brochure for students advertising and promoting community engagement. |
| 13–15 | **Communication skills and strategies*** initiating, sustaining and concluding interactions, demonstrating skills in turn-taking, changing topics and accepting and rejecting ideas, in a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts
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**Language table**Relevant items | **Task 9: Production (oral)** Deliver a five‑minute persuasive presentation for your peers promoting community engagement. |