

WESTALL Secondary College

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

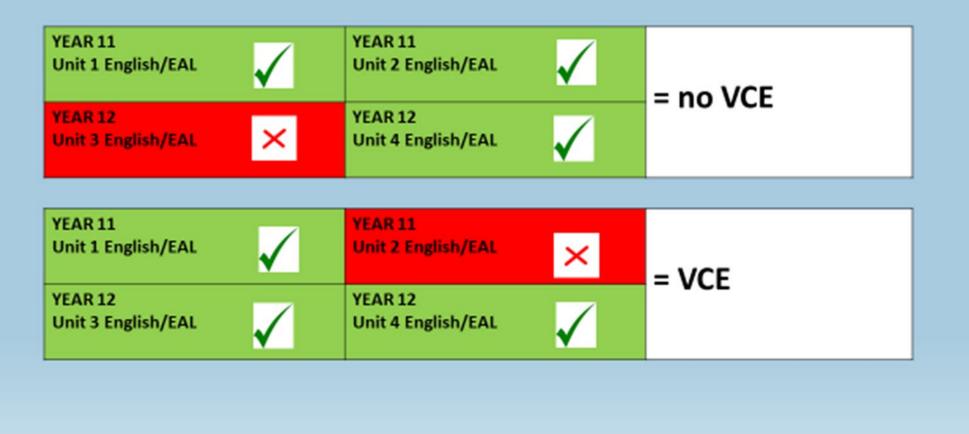


Students must pass at least 3 units of English/EAL to be awarded the VCE

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



For example:





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!