



Key information for the English Extension 11–12 (2024) syllabus

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The [English Extension 11–12 \(2024\) syllabus](#) requires students to study the Texts, culture and value focus area in Year 11 Extension (60 indicative hours), and the Literary worlds focus area in Year 12 Extension 1 (60 indicative hours). The English Extension 2 Year 12 course (60 indicative hours) is an optional additional unit that extends students' conceptual understanding of the ways literature is read and written through the study of the Author and authority focus area and the completion of the Major work.
- The new English Extension 11–12 syllabus is digital and formatted in this manner for all reform syllabuses. The digital format is interactive and allows for easy navigation. You can filter, search for specific topics, and explore resources directly. Categories include overview; rationale; aim; outcomes; content; assessment; glossary and teaching and learning support.
- School-based assessment specifications require schools to develop an assessment program for each Year 11 and Year 12 course. For school-based assessment requirements refer to [Assessment](#) webpage.

HSC Examinations

- The HSC English Extension 1 examination is an online examination consisting of 2 questions. Details regarding [English Extension 1 HSC examination specifications](#) can be accessed via the [Assessment](#) tab of the syllabus.
- The HSC English Extension 2 examination consists of an online written exam worth 40 marks and a Major work worth 20 marks. The marks for the Major work will be converted to a mark out of 60, giving a total mark out of 100 for the examination. Details regarding [English Extension 2 HSC examination specifications](#) can be accessed via the [Assessment](#) tab of the syllabus.
- The [Performance Band Descriptions for English Extension 1](#) and [English Extension 2](#) summarise the knowledge, understanding and skills demonstrated by students at each band level. NESA has provided [English Extension 1–sample examination materials](#) and [English Extension 2–sample examination materials](#) for reference, as well as [Further information](#) to support assessment in Stage 6.

Support materials

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides resources to support NSW teachers in the delivery of the English Extension 11–12 (2024) syllabus and can be located on the [English Extension](#) webpage. Here you will find planning templates, sample documents, sample programs and resources as well as links to professional learning.

Resources can also be found on the [English Extension \(staff only\)](#) channel of the [English statewide staffroom \(staff only\)](#).

NESA also has a range of support materials that can be located under the [Teaching and learning support](#) tab of the syllabus.

Professional learning

There are a range of 'on demand' professional learning resources to support the implementation of the English Extension 11–12 (2024) syllabus including:

- [English 11–12 microlearning](#)
- [English curriculum 11–12 professional learning SharePoint \(staff only\)](#)

We also offer a range of live online and face to face professional learning events throughout the year. To view any upcoming events go to the [Professional learning English K–12](#) calendar.

General HSC information

- The [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) oversees the Higher School Certificate (HSC), offering resources for students on exam preparation, course selection, and academic integrity.
- The [NESA HSC glossary](#) provides teachers with guidance on how to use key terms consistently, ensuring students understand their meanings and apply them appropriately across various subjects for effective exam preparation.
- The NESA [HSC assessment moderation](#) process ensures fairness by adjusting school assessment marks based on exam results, making them comparable to assessment integrity, task development, marking, appeals, and record-keeping. They cover malpractice policies, illness/misadventure procedures, task notifications, ranking, and restrictions on reporting final marks, ensuring compliance with NESA's assessment standards.
- HSC monitoring advice, Section 1.6 outlines HSC record-keeping requirements, including teaching programs, assessment documentation, interventions and work samples. Visit [Stage 6 – monitoring implementation and support](#) for more information.
- School-based assessment for the HSC contributes to a student's final mark and is designed to evaluate students' understanding and skills based on syllabus outcomes.

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