



Key information for the English Extension Stage 6 (2017) syllabus

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The [English Extension Stage 6 \(2017\)](#) provides students who undertake [English Advanced Stage 6 Syllabus \(2017\)](#) and are accomplished in their use of English with the opportunity to extend their use of language and self-expression in creative and critical ways.
- Schools must follow the HSC English Extension text requirements as outlined in the [English prescriptions \(2019–2026\)](#).
- For school-based assessment specifications refer to NESA's [Assessment and reporting in English Extension Stage 6](#) webpage.
- The English Extension Stage 6 Syllabus (2017) will be taught in all NSW high schools until 2026. The [new English 11–12 syllabuses](#) will be taught to Year 11 in 2026.
- For the English Extension 2 Year 12 course students are required to complete a Major Work and Reflection Statement, as well as document the coursework in a Major Work Journal. For advice see NESA's [Fact sheets on Major Works for English Extension 2](#), [English Extension 2 \(2017\): Major Work advice](#) and [English Extension 2 \(2017\): Marking guidelines](#).

HSC examinations

- The HSC examination specifications for Year 12 English Extension 1 can be found at [Assessment and reporting in English Extension](#).
- Past HSC papers by NESA, are a useful resource to help students to become familiar with the examination format and structure. Past papers from 2019–2025 for English Extension 1 can be found at [HSC exam papers](#).
- The [English Extension 1 HSC standards materials](#) by NESA provide examples of student responses to HSC exam questions that show achievement at different performance band levels.

Support materials

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides resources to support NSW Department of Education teachers through [English K–12](#). Support materials available include:

- [Leading English 7–12](#) – this page contains advice and resources to support you in planning, organising and communicating the requirements of the English Extension course.
- [Planning, programming and assessing English 11–12](#) – this page provides access to help you plan, program and assess across English 11–12.

- [English Extension](#) – this page contains support to help you plan, program and assess the English Extension course, including HSC exam specifications and revision, a practice Paper 1, sample assessments and resources for Year 11 and Year 12 English Extension.

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides resources to support NSW Department of Education teachers through the [English Statewide Staffroom \(staff only\)](#). Join the English statewide staffroom to access these valuable resources and support.

In the [English Extension 1 \(staff only\)](#) and [English Extension 2 \(staff only\)](#) channels you will find:

- [English Extension 1 SharePoint \(staff only\)](#) – this SharePoint contains planning, teaching and learning, and assessment materials you can use when planning, implementing and assessing the English Extension 1 course.
- [English Extension 2 SharePoint \(staff only\)](#) – this SharePoint contains planning, teaching and learning, and assessment materials you can use when planning, implementing and assessing the English Extension 2 course.
- [HSC Hub – English Extension 1 \(staff only\)](#) – access support materials for engaging with and examining the Literary Worlds module.



- [HSC Hub – English Extension 2 \(staff only\)](#) – access recording to support with refining the Reflection Statement.

NESA has a range of support materials including:

- [English prescriptions](#) – provides essential information about texts prescribed for HSC study in all English courses, including annotations of selected texts.
- [English Extension support materials](#), including sample scope and sequences, sample units, sample assessment schedules and sample formal assessment tasks.

Professional learning

The NSW Department of Education English curriculum 7–12 team provide professional learning materials through the [English Statewide Staffroom \(staff only\)](#). Join the English statewide staffroom to access these valuable resources and support. The recordings and resources are housed in the [Professional learning channel \(staff only\)](#) channel.

The team 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.



Contact us

If you would like further information or support, please email the English 7–12 curriculum team:

English.curriculum@det.nsw.edu.au or reach out to the team via the [7–12 English Statewide Staffroom](#).

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 across schools.
- The [ACE rules](#) outline HSC school-based 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.