



Key information for the Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The organisational focus of the [Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus](#) is the theme – the individual and contemporary society.
- The Spanish Continuers Preliminary course is a prerequisite for the Spanish Extension course, and the Continuers HSC course is a co-requisite.
- The Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus has 2 objectives. Each objective has related outcomes which summarise the associated knowledge, understanding and skills that students are expected to achieve at the end of the course.
- Students explore the organisational theme through course prescriptions (prescribed issues and a prescribed text) and through related texts. For 2025–2030, the 3 prescribed issues are quest for identity, relationships and role of education. The prescribed text is the novel *El último vagón*.
- While a number of extracts from the novel are prescribed for study, students need to be familiar with the whole novel.
- In addition to the prescribed text, students will read, listen to and view a range of texts relevant to the prescribed issues. Texts may be authentic or modified to allow students to engage with the prescribed issues at a level appropriate to their needs, interests and experience.
- The text types listed in the Spanish Continuers Stage 6 Syllabus are assumed knowledge. In addition, students may be expected to produce the following written texts in the external examination – diary entry, formal letter, monologue, narrative account, script of a conversation and short essay.
- Grammatical structures prescribed in the Spanish Continuers Stage 6 Syllabus are assumed knowledge. In addition, students are expected to know and use grammatical structures which are included in the Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus.
- There is no prescribed vocabulary list. It is expected that students will be familiar with a range of vocabulary and expressions relevant to the prescribed issues.
- The [Assessment and reporting in Spanish Extension Stage 6 webpage](#) includes the mandated course components and weightings. Also refer to this document for assessment and reporting updates.

HSC examinations

- The HSC Spanish Extension examination consists of a written paper worth 40 marks and an oral examination worth 10 marks.
- The written paper will consist of 2 sections, Section I – Response to prescribed text (25 marks) and Section II – Writing in Spanish (15 marks). Students are able to use monolingual and/or bilingual dictionaries in the written examination.
- In the oral examination, students are required to choose one extended response question (from a choice of 2) and respond by presenting and supporting a point of view in Spanish.
- Past HSC papers by NESAs, are a useful resource to help students to become familiar with the examination format and structure. Past papers for Spanish Extension can be found on [NESAs website](#).

Support materials

The Languages and Culture curriculum team provides resources to support NSW teachers in the implementation of the Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus and can be located on the [Languages K-12 webpage](#).

Generic support for Stage 6 languages courses can be found on the department's [Planning](#),



[programming and assessing languages 11-12 webpage](#), including advice on developing a notice of assessment.

The department's support for the Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus can be found on the department's [Spanish Extension webpage](#). Support includes support materials for the 2025–2030 course prescriptions, a sample planning proforma, and a student advice document.

Resources can also be found in the Languages Statewide Staffroom. NESAs also has a range of support materials on the [Spanish Extension Stage 6 Syllabus webpage](#).

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.

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