

# English

## Learning Area Overview

**The learning and teaching program at Kilbreda College is both dynamic and innovative, catering for the students' spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development. Students are challenged to be creative, critical and reflective thinkers and to develop a broad and transferable skill set. Opportunities for both independent and collaborative learning are provided and contemporary technologies are integrated throughout the learning and teaching program.**

The study of English is central to the learning and development of all of us. The traditional elements of speaking, listening, reading, viewing and writing are just as important as ever when it comes to effective communication. The explosion of technology in recent years calls for increasing interaction with multimodal texts by our students to enable them to thrive in a changing world.

At the College, we aim to develop confident communicators, imaginative thinkers and informed citizens who are thoughtful and ethical and who see themselves as active members of society.

English teachers work with students to encourage analysis, understanding, communication and the building of relationships with others and with the world around them.

An integral component of the English curriculum is the in-depth study of a range of texts across all year levels. Novels, plays, poetry and film provide rich content through which students can analyse complex characters, engaging themes and unique language features. Teachers help students navigate how non-fiction texts such as news content is constructed and for what purpose and to consider their own roles as responsible consumers of and participants in media creation.

### English Curriculum

The English curriculum includes a range of core subjects and electives, both semester based and year long.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
<b>Core Study – Year Long</b>	<b>Core Study – Year Long</b>	<b>Core Study – Year Long</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
		<b>Elective Study – Semester Based</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Writer's Workshop</li></ul>
YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
<b>Core Study – Year Long</b>	<b>Core Studies – Year Long</b>	<b>Core Studies – Year Long</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English 1&amp;2</li><li>English Language 1&amp;2</li><li>Literature 1&amp;2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English 3&amp;4</li><li>English Language 3&amp;4</li><li>Literature 3&amp;4</li></ul>
<b>Elective Studies – Semester Based</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction to English Language</li><li>Introduction to Literature</li></ul>		

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### Cocurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- Writing Competitions - poetry, short stories, student journalism
- Public Speaking Competitions
- DAV Debating

### Public Speaking and Debating

Debating is a great way to learn the skill of expressing an opinion with confidence and challenging alternative arguments in a robust, yet respectful manner. The College often has a number of teams across all year levels that participate in the Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) Schools' Competition.

Stundets also participates in a number of public speaking competitions throughout the year including the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, Plain English Speaking Awards and the Ainger Public Speaking Competition.