

## 9. Year 12 Subjects 2011 (English)

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### VCE English as a Second Language Units 3&4

#### Eligibility for Unit 3 & 4 ESL

At Units 3 and 4 level students need to meet the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority criteria for enrolment in ESL. The relevant criteria are set out below:

*Enrolment in English (ESL) is available only to students who have approved English as a Second Language (ESL) status.*

*A student may be eligible for ESL status if they meet both conditions 1 and 2 as set out below:*

*1. (a) He/she has been a resident in Australia or New Zealand or other predominantly English speaking country for no more than seven (7) years. Note: The period of seven (7) years is to be calculated cumulatively over the student's whole life. The calculation of time spent in Australia is made from the Date of Last Arrival plus any previous periods of time spent in Australia or any predominantly English speaking country. Time spent out of Australia during school vacations should be included as no disruption to education occurs during these periods.*

*or*

*(b) He/she is an Aboriginal student whose first language is not English.*

*AND*

*2. English has been the student's major language of instruction for a total period of not more than seven (7) years over the period of his/her education.*

#### Unit 3 & 4 Described

The Areas of Study and Outcomes in ESL are the same as those for English. See previous section for more detail.

#### Unit 3 Assessment

*Assessment Break-Down:*

Assessment tasks for this unit are as follows:

For ALL students:

- a response to a selected text, either orally or in writing (one task in Unit 3 has to be an oral)

For ESL students:

- a sustained and reasoned point of view on the selected issue that demonstrates the persuasive use of language. This may be in written or oral form.

- at least one sustained written text created for a specific audience and context

or

- three to five shorter texts created for a specific audience/s and context/s.

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### VCE English as a Second Language Units 3&4 (Cont...)

#### Unit 4 Assessment

*Assessment Break-Down:*

Assessment tasks for this unit are as follows:

For ALL students:

- an extended written interpretation of one selected text.

For ESL students:

- at least one sustained written text created for a specific audience and context  
or
- three to five shorter texts, created for a specific audience/s and context/s.

#### Graded Assessment Unit 3 and 4

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| • Unit 3 School-Assessed Coursework:        | 25% |
| • Unit 4 School-Assessed Coursework:        | 25% |
| • End-of-year Examination for Unit 3 and 4: | 50% |

Note: Unit 3 and 4 in this study can be used to satisfy the requirements for VCE English.

#### Other Information

- ESL does NOT have a mid-year Exam, but a Practice Exam is held during the third week of the July term break. Other practice exams are also held during Semester Two. It is important that students take every opportunity to ready themselves for the final examination.
- The end-of-year examination is made up of the same components as those outlined in the English outline.

#### Entry – Units 3 and 4

Students are required to complete Unit 1 and 2 ESL prior to attempting to complete the Unit 3 and 4 progression. Students must complete Unit 3 before completing Unit 4. VCE requirements are such that students need to satisfactorily complete 3 ESL units in order to obtain their VCE.