

## 9. Year 12 Subjects 2011 (Languages)

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### VCE Greek Units 3&4

#### *Areas of Study (all Units):*

The areas of study for Greek comprise themes and topics, text types, kinds of writing, vocabulary and grammar. They are common to all four units of the study, and they are designed to be drawn upon in an integrated way, as appropriate to the linguistic needs of the student, and the outcomes for the unit.

There are three prescribed themes:

#### *The Individual:*

- o Personal Identity – opinions and values, myself
- o Relationships – friends and family, the elderly
- o The School Experience – future aspirations, exchange programmes

#### *The Greek-speaking Communities*

- o Life-styles – Greek-Australian, Travel and Tourism
- o Special Traditions – festivals, customs, celebrations
- o Contemporary People and Events – famous people, the Asia Minor experience, the Olympic Games
- o The Migrant Experience – post-war migration, Diaspora, migration to Australia

#### *The Changing World*

- o Youth Issues – entertainment, drugs/alcohol, globalisation
- o Social Issues – healthy diet, sport, environment
- o World of Work – occupations/careers, the impact of technology on the nature of work.

Students will work with a variety of text types: articles, chart, e-mail/fax, formal/informal letter, play, poem, review, interview, conversation, discussion, speech, report, invitation, and recipe. They will deal with the structural aspect of language, word forms, grammatical rules and how language is used. Students will develop a range of vocabulary and idioms relevant to the prescribed topics.

The themes and topics are the vehicle through which the student will demonstrate achievement of the outcomes, in the sense that they form the subject of the activities and tasks the student undertakes. The text types, kinds of writing, vocabulary and grammar are linked, both to each other, and to the themes and topics. Together, as common areas of study, they add a further layer of definition to the knowledge and skills required for successful achievement of the outcomes. The common areas of study have been selected to provide the opportunity for the student to build upon what is familiar, as well as develop knowledge and skills in new and more challenging areas.

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### VCE Greek Units 3 & 4(Cont...)

#### Unit 3

##### *Assessment:*

- Outcome 1 – Students should be able to express ideas through the production of original texts.
- Outcome 2 – Students should be able to analyse and use information from spoken texts.
- Outcome 3 – Students should be able to exchange information, opinions and experiences.

##### *Assessment Break-Down:*

The following list is a guide only:

- *Outcome 1:*
  - A 250-word personal or imaginative written piece.
- *Outcome 2:*
  - A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.
- *Outcome 3:*
  - A three- to four-minute role-play, focusing on the resolution of an issue.

#### Unit 4

##### *Assessment:*

- Outcome 1 – Students should be able to analyse and use information from written texts.
- Outcome 2 – Students should be able to respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of Greek-speaking communities.

##### *Assessment Break-Down:*

The following list is a guide only:

- *Outcome 1:*
  - A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.
- *Outcome 2:*
  - A 250–300 word informative, persuasive or evaluative written response, for example, report, comparison or review.

AND

- A three- to four-minute interview on an issue related to the texts studied.

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### VCE Greek Units 3 & 4(Cont...)

#### Graded Assessment

- Unit 3 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 4 School-Assessed Coursework: 25%
- Unit 3 and 4 End-of-year Examinations: Oral Component 12.5%  
Written Component 37.5%

NB: A single grade is awarded for the Examination.

#### Other Information

- Greek 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.

#### Entry – Units 3 and 4

In order to be considered for Greek at Unit 1 & 2 level, students would need to be proficient in the language at Year 10 level AND need to be in the Year 10 Advanced class. Except in exceptional circumstances students must complete both Units 1 and 2 of Greek prior to attempting to complete the Unit 3 and 4 progression. Students must complete Unit 3 before completing Unit 4.