

St George College Senior Secondary Handbook

ENGLISH STUDIES

LEVEL: Stage 2

TIME ALLOCATION: Full Year—6 lessons per week

PROGRAM AIMS:

In this course students will develop skills to:

- Analyse texts, demonstrating depth of understanding and engagement
- Identify the structural, conventional and language features used by authors in constructing texts
- Understand the relationship between writer, context text was generated and reader knowledge
- Compare and contrast texts to evaluate the role of situational and sociocultural contexts
- Use evidence to develop and support critical reasoning in the form of sustained argument
- Compose texts that engage the interest of the reader, listener or viewer
- Show critical understanding of how their own texts may be interpreted;
- Express ideas clearly and accurately in a range of appropriate forms and registers.

(SSABSA Curriculum Statement)

TEXTS:

Texts will be selected from the prescribed SSABSA Reading list. As of next year this list will be updated each year. Students will be advised prior to course commencement which texts will be studied.

Core Poetry Text:

Blue Lights, Clear Atoms

Poetry Anthology

CONTENT:

This focus of this course is the study of literature. It will involve the study and analysis of a range of literature. In the Text Study requirement students will be required to share the study of two single texts, two paired texts, poetry and critical reading of short texts. They will also undertake individual studies of two personally chosen texts. Oral presentations and writing their own texts for a range of audiences and purposes is also a key component of this course.

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ASSESSMENT:

The purpose of assessment is to measure student achievement and learning outcomes. For SSABSA the Subject Achievement Score is based on summative assessment tasks.

There are four assessment components, which are weighted as following;

External Examination	30%	
Individual Study	20%	
Shared Studies	30%	
Text Production	20%	(Written 10%; Oral 10%)

HOMEWORK & STUDY REQUIREMENTS:

Students will be required to undertake 4 – 5 hours homework per week for this course.