Y10 English Elective – “Telling Tales”

Subject description:
The course is designed as a ‘taster’ of the English subjects that VCE has to offer: English, English Language and Literature

The subject will focus on:

1) ‘Future Worlds’ (Term 1 and 2) (preparation for VCE Literature and Creating and Presenting in VCE English)
Students will explore the concept of ‘future worlds’ by looking at science fiction and other genres of futuristic texts and the relationship between these texts and current social and environmental views of the world and its future. Students will study texts in depth and respond by engaging in a range of writing styles.

2) ‘Aussie Speak’ (Term 3) (preparation for VCE English Language and Using Language to Persuade in VCE English)
Students will be introduced to the cultural history of Australian Language – how we speak, the language we use, how this has evolved, and what this says about who we are as Australians. Students will study a variety of smaller texts and assessed through both oral and written assessment.

3) ‘Lights, Camera, Action’ (Term 4) (preparation for Reading and Responding in VCE English)
Students will study films of a variety of genres and cultures, looking at the added dimension of the visual in reading a text. They will learn about devices film makers use and analyse how this creates meaning. Students will write in a wide range of styles and, in particular, focus on analytical essay writing in preparation for VCE.

Aimed at:
This course is taken in addition to Year 10 English. It is suitable for students who enjoy English, have strong skills in areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, or those who would like to have a taste of the range of English courses available at VCE.

Assessment:
- Students will be assessed using VELS in the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening

Pre-requisite Subjects – Year 9 English.
Fee – students will be required to purchase the set texts as per the booklist.