### The Year 10 English Course

The Year 10 English course provides students with the opportunity to further develop the essential communication skills used in everyday life. The course aims to develop student skills in the dimensions of writing, reading, speaking and listening from the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. The course prepares students for the requirements of VCE English, Literature and/or English Language.

**Study of texts:** Students study a range of texts which involves identifying themes, analysing character development and the construction of a text. In addition to this students learn how to formulate text responses by using essay writing techniques.

**Study of media texts:** This includes persuasive language material such as, letters to the editor; editorials; opinion pieces and cartoons. Students learn to identify different persuasive strategies used by writers and evaluate the effectiveness of such techniques. Students develop their critical analysis skills.

**Writing:** Students write in response to a prompt which involves ideas presented in a text. Students are encouraged to explore various writing styles, with an awareness of audience and purpose. Writing skills such as spelling, grammar and sentence structure are reinforced.

**Interpersonal skills:** The course enables students to work collaboratively in groups, participate in class discussion, undertake oral presentations and participate in peer assessment.

**Pre-requisite subjects:** None

**Fees Applicable:** There are no additional fees beyond the general materials fee.

English is a core subject in year 10 and must be studied.