



Key information for the English Standard Stage 6 (2017) syllabus

- Schools and teachers use syllabuses to develop educational programs for students. The [English Standard Stage 6 \(2017\) syllabus](#) provides students with the opportunity to explore and experiment with the ways events, experiences, ideas and processes are represented in and through a range of texts.
- Schools must follow the HSC English Standard Text requirements as outlined in the [English prescriptions](#) (2019–2026).
- For school-based assessment specifications refer to NESA's [Assessment and reporting for English Standard Stage 6](#) webpage.
- The English Standard Stage 6 Syllabus (2017) will be taught in all NSW high schools until 2026. The [new English 11–12 syllabuses](#) will be taught to Year 11 in 2026.

HSC examinations

- The HSC English Standard examination specifications can be found at [Assessment and Reporting in English Standard Stage 6](#).
- Past HSC exam packs by NESA are useful resources to help students become familiar with the marking guidelines and criteria. Access this information for 2019–2024 via [HSC exam papers](#).
- The [English Standard Stage 6 HSC standards materials](#) by NESA, provide examples of student responses to HSC exam questions that show achievement at different performance band levels.

Support materials

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides resources to support NSW Department of Education teachers through [English K–12](#).

Support materials include:

- [Leading English 7–12](#) – this page contains advice and resources to support you in planning, organising and communicating the requirements of the English Standard course.
- [English Standard](#) – this page contains sample teaching and learning and assessment material to support you in planning, programming and assessing the English Standard course.

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides resources to support NSW Department of Education teachers through the [English Statewide Staffroom \(staff only\)](#). Join the English statewide staffroom to access these valuable resources and support.

In the [English Standard \(staff only\)](#) channel, you will find:

- [English Standard SharePoint \(staff only\)](#) – this SharePoint contains planning, teaching and learning, and assessment materials you can use when planning, implementing and assessing the English Standard course.
- [HSC Hub – English Standard \(staff only\)](#) – this SharePoint page contains recordings and related student workbooks of examination, Common module: Texts and human experiences, and Module C: The Craft of Writing student support sessions.
- [English Standard OneNote \(staff only\)](#) – a central location to access a wide range of resources shared by colleagues across NSW and advice from NESA and the NSW Department of Education.

NESA also has a range of support materials including:

- [English Stage 6 – Annotations of texts](#) – this includes annotations for texts new to the Stage 6 prescriptions 2019–2026
- [English Standard support materials](#) – these include sample planning, teaching and learning, and assessment material.



Professional learning

The English curriculum 7–12 team provides professional learning materials through the [English Statewide Staffroom \(staff only\)](#). Join the English statewide staffroom to access these valuable resources and support. The recordings and resources are housed in the [Professional learning channel \(staff only\)](#).

The team also offers a range of live online and face to face professional learning events throughout the year. To view any upcoming events go to the [Professional Learning English K–12 calendar](#).

General HSC information

- The [NSW Education Standards Authority \(NESA\)](#) oversees the Higher School Certificate (HSC), offering resources for students on exam preparation, course selection, and academic integrity.
 - The [NESA HSC glossary](#) provides teachers with guidance on how to use key terms consistently, ensuring students understand their meanings and apply them appropriately across various subjects for effective exam preparation.
 - The NESA [HSC assessment moderation](#) process ensures fairness by adjusting school assessment marks based on exam results, making them comparable across schools.
 - The [ACE rules](#) outline HSC school-based assessment integrity, task development, marking, appeals, and record-keeping.
- They cover malpractice policies, illness/ misadventure procedures, task notifications, ranking, and restrictions on reporting final marks, ensuring compliance with NESA's assessment standards.
- HSC monitoring advice, Section 1.6 outlines HSC record-keeping requirements, including teaching programs, assessment documentation, interventions and work samples. Visit [Stage 6 – monitoring implementation and support](#) for more information.
 - School-based assessment for the HSC contributes to a student's final mark and is designed to evaluate students' understanding and skills based on syllabus outcomes.

Contact us

If you would like further information or support, please email the English 7–12 curriculum team: English.curriculum@det.nsw.edu.au or reach out to the team via the [7–12 English Statewide Staffroom](#).

