

Year 8 English

Work rate calendar (WRC) 2025

Term 1

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Assessment

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Week	Dates	Unit	Topic	Class work / Assessment to be submitted
1	27 Jan – 31 Jan	Orientation	Monday 27 January — Australia Day Holiday Tuesday 28 January – Welcome calls: Years Prep-12 Wednesday 29 January – Learning for success: Years Prep-12 Orientation Preparing for learning	
2	3 Feb – 7 Feb		Monday 3 February – Brainstorm Productions: Years 7-12 (11am – 2pm) Introduction to Year 8 English OneNote Class Notebook Expectations and processes	
3	10 Feb – 14 Feb	Unit 1: Inside Out	Introduction to Unit 1 Introduction to <i>Inside Out</i> Values and attitudes	
4	17 Feb – 21 Feb		Visual text structures Exploring Riley's Personality Islands Introduction to Visual Text Structures Size and Placement in Visual Texts	
5	24 Feb – 28 Feb		Conveying meaning in visual texts Understanding Symbolism in <i>Inside Out</i> Vocab and writing explanations Using specialised vocab to describe and explain visual texts	
6	3 Mar – 7 Mar		Writing strategies Writing explanations Introduction to 'What If' Scenarios for Riley Using visual language features and text structures to convey meaning	
7	10 Mar – 14 Mar		Planning and Drafting SA1 Planning the SA1 Drafting the SA1 Refining Visual and Textual Elements	
8	17 Mar – 21 Mar		Drafting SA1 Planning and drafting explanation paragraph Drafting explanation paragraph	SA1 Draft Due Friday 21st March, 5pm (Multimodal)
9	24 Mar – 28 Mar		Monday 24 March – Wednesday 26 March — School camp: Years 7–8 Editing draft SA1 Peer Review of Multimodal Presentations Edits and Enhancements	
10	31 Mar – 4 Apr		Thursday 3 April — Cross country / Fun run: Prep – Year 12 Finalise SA1 and Reflection Final Edits and Enhancements for SA1 Submit SA1 to QLearn Unit Reflection	SA1 Final Due Tuesday 1st April, 5pm (Multimodal)

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1	21 Apr – 25 Apr	Unit 2: The Stones	Monday 21 April — Easter Monday			
			Friday 25 April — Anzac Day			
			Introduction to Unit 2 Introduction to <i>The Stones</i>			
2	28 Apr – 2 May		Analysis of the Play's Ethical Dilemmas and Viewpoints Scene analysis Ethical Implications Understanding responsibility and accountability			
			3	5 May – 9 May	Monday 5 May — Labour Day	
					Ethical Themes in Focus Responsibility and Accountability Introduction to Argumentative Structure	
4	12 May – 16 May		Argument Development and Persuasion Techniques Evidence Selection Persuasive Language Techniques Constructing a Counterargument			
			5	19 May – 23 May	Structuring and Writing Audio Segments Planning an audio segment Drafting and audio segment script Refining Arguments and Language Choices	
					6	26 May – 30 May
7	2 Jun – 6 Jun		Drafting SA2 Analysing a recent incident – 1994 vs. Today Teacher discretion Feedback			
		8	9 Jun – 13 Jun	Finalising SA2 Edits and Enhancements Feedback Submit SA2 FINAL to QLearn	SA2 Final Due Friday 13th June, 5pm (Written and Audio)	
9	16 Jun – 20 Jun			Literacy Block	Literacy activities	
		10	23 Jun – 27 Jun		Wednesday 25 June — Athletics carnival / Sports day: Prep – Year 12	
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1	14 Jul – 18 Jul	Unit 3: Detention	Introduction to Unit 3 Introduction to <i>Detention</i> and Australian contexts Key characters: Dan and Sima Introducing Text Structures		
2	21 Jul – 25 Jul		Symbolism in <i>Detention</i> Symbolism and its importance Analysing Symbolism in Character Development Symbolism in Setting		
3	28 Jul – 1 Aug		Language Features and Representations Language Devices in <i>Detention</i> Language Features and Teen Representations Exploring Themes through Language		
4	4 Aug – 8 Aug		Text Structures and Character Perspectives Narrative Perspective Nonlinear Narrative Structure Juxtaposition and Parallel Narratives		
5	11 Aug – 15 Aug		Wednesday 13 August — Royal Queensland (Ekka) Show Holiday Novel study continued Language Features Revision Revisiting Symbolism Thematic Analysis		
6	18 Aug – 22 Aug		Practice Exam Preparation Structuring Short Responses for Exam Questions and integrating evidence Writing Practice – Formal Writing Techniques Responding to Complex Exam Questions		
7	25 Aug – 29 Aug		SA3 Exam Preparation and Practice Teacher discretion of practice exam undertaken in lessons. Complete SA3 practice exam.	SA3 Practice Exam Due Friday 29th August, 5pm	
8	1 Sept – 5 Sept		Friday 5 September — Student free day SA3 Practice Exam Review and Final Exam Review and Feedback Sessions from Practice Exam Complete SA3 Exam in QLearn	SA3 Final Exam Due Friday 5th September, 5pm	
9	8 Sept – 12 Sept		Unit 4	Friday 12 September — Connect day: Years 7–8 Introduction to Unit 4 Introduction to <i>Windows into Other Worlds</i> Introduce reading log	
10	15 Sept – 19 Sept		Text Structure of literary and non-literary texts Read / View / Comprehend a range of texts Contribute to reading log		

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1	6 Oct – 10 Oct	Unit 4: Windows into other worlds	Monday 6 October — King's Birthday Holiday	
			Text Structure of literary and non-literary texts continued Read / View / Comprehend a range of texts Contribute to reading log	
2	13 Oct – 17 Oct		Aesthetic Qualities of texts Read / View / Comprehend a range of texts Contribute to reading log	
3	20 Oct – 24 Oct		Representation of ideas in texts – literary devices Read / View / Comprehend a range of texts Contribute to reading log Exploring Themes through language and visual representations	
4	27 Oct – 31 Oct		SA4 Drafting Planning and drafting of storytelling	
5	3 Nov – 7 Nov		Drafting continued	
6	10 Nov – 14 Nov		SA4 Draft Submission Submit SA4 Draft to QLearn Feedback	SA4 Draft Due Tuesday 11th November, 5pm
7	17 Nov – 21 Nov		Friday 21 November — Aquatic carnival: Prep – Year 11	
			SA4 FINAL Submission Edits and Enhancements Feedback Submit SA4 FINAL to QLearn	SA4 Final Due Friday 21st November, 5pm
8	24 Nov – 28 Nov		Literacy Block	Literacy activities
9	1 Dec – 5 Dec	Friday 1 December – STEM Connect day: Years 5-9 Literacy activities		
10	8 Dec – 12 Dec	Literacy activities		