Delivery mode
Online course. Internet access essential.
Online lessons are delivered through the EQ web conference.
The English course follows the Australian Curriculum which is studied in all Australian states. The course is available in an electronic format which is available through Blackboard. A limited number of book resources are used to support some of the units. All other resources are in digital format and are incorporated into the electronic courses. Students may request a printed copy of each unit but will still need access to the digital resources to complete the work. It should be noted that access to a computer is needed.

Time commitment
There are three English lessons to be completed each week. Each lesson is approximately 70 minutes in duration will be delivered using Web Conferencing (through Blackboard Collaborate). The length of each scheduled lesson may vary depending upon the content being covered. However, students should allocate a 70 minute block in their timetable for these. Students will be advised at the beginning of each unit what content will be covered as a scheduled lesson and what should be completed independently.

Prerequisites
Nil

Course outline
Each unit of work is five weeks duration. One to two units will be completed each term.
 Semester 1
Unit 1: Representation in news media texts
Unit 2: Imaginative response to teen issues in a novel
Unit 3: Understanding how texts create ideas about values

Semester 2
Unit 4: Expressing viewpoints on ethical issues in a drama text
Unit 5: Creating short stories
Unit 6: Analysing digital texts

Assessment
Students are required to submit at least one formative task and one major summative assessment task for each unit. Teachers will also base their assessment on their observations during scheduled lessons.

Requirements
Access to a computer is essential as the course is in an electronic format. Students should also have access to the internet.
As most web-conferenced scheduled lessons will be delivered with VOIP, students will need to have a suitable headset with a microphone for their computer to participate in these lessons.
Students will also need to have suitable sound recording software on their computer to record spoken tasks. Instructions for downloading Audacity are available on the school's website.

Students should have access to the following:
- dictionary (e.g. Macquarie Australia)
- thesaurus (e.g. The Pocket Macquarie Thesaurus)

Resources/Textbook
English is... English AC Year 8 eBookPlus is included in the Jacaranda Digital Bundle subscription, purchased upon enrolment at BrisbaneSDE. NB: Students may be required to obtain other commonly available materials to complete practical activities (please see booklist on BrisbaneSDE website).

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