

## ENROLMENT IN YEAR 11 GENERAL ENGLISH SUBJECTS 2019

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Dear Parent / Caregiver,

If you are receiving this letter, your child is currently enrolled in a General English subject that includes External Assessment. All General English courses contribute to an ATAR score. General English subjects include: *English*, *English as an Additional Language* and *Literature*.

In Year 11, student results are closely monitored to ensure students are academically successful and their pathways realistic. This “risk-management” process safeguards student QCE attainment (Queensland Certificate of Education).

To qualify for a QCE it is necessary to obtain a semester pass in English and in Mathematics. All students enrolled in English will have their results reviewed at the end of Term 1, and again in Term 2. As there are only four formal pieces of assessment in Year 11 English subjects, failure to pass or complete assessment in Term 1 may render students ineligible for a QCE without intervention. Additionally, by failing a semester of English, students will lose one credit from their QCE. Students require 20 credits in a set pattern to gain a QCE by the end of Year 12.

Consequently, students who do not pass assessments 1 and 2 in any *General English* subject will be placed in the *Essential English* subject for the remainder of Years 11 and 12 to ensure they have the opportunity to demonstrate the literacy skills required for a QCE. Parents of students in this situation will be contacted, and teachers will also be in communication with you regarding early warning signs such as incomplete drafts or lack of effort.

The *Essential English Applied* subject is an alternative to the general subjects, and does not feature External Assessment. If it is the only Applied Subject a student studies, it can contribute towards an ATAR score. *Essential English* still enables students to pursue a tertiary pathway, however it may rule them out of direct entry into some universities and courses. Students in this course will continue to study a range of units, and produce a number of assessment items. The school's assessment policy regarding drafts, due dates and absence remains applicable.

Please contact your child's current English teacher or the Head of Department if you wish to discuss your child's level of achievement in English.

Regards,

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