

Varsity College
Year 12 General English

Term 1, 2023

| Week | Date | Topics | Assessment |
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| 1 | 23-27 January Australia Day PH - Thurs | Unit 3 Topic 1 – Discursive Essay: Film & Novel Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit introduction (<i>key concepts & themes, assessment, texts</i>) Background and context of <i>The Namesake</i> - begin reading novel | |
| 2 | 30 Jan – 3 Feb Swimming Carnival - Mon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reading and novel study Discussion and consolidation | |
| 3 | 6-10 February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reading and novel study Discussion and consolidation | |
| 4 | 13-17 February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion and analysis of characters, concepts and ideas in novel | |
| 5 | 20-24 February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View <i>Little Miss Sunshine</i> Discussion and analysis of characters, concepts and ideas in film | |
| 6 | 27 Feb – 3 Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task overview and exemplar Re-cap conventions of discursive genre Investigate representations of concept/theme in film and novel | |
| 7 | 6-10 March GIPSA - Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students commence planning and development of essay | |
| 8 | 13-17 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting and conferencing | Assignment Draft – L2 |
| 9 | 20-24 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer reviews and self-editing; return draft L2 | |
| 10 | 27-31 March Cross Country - Thurs | Exam Block | Assignment Monday |
| School Holidays: Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 16 | | | |

Term 2, 2023

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| 1 | 17-21 April Athletics Carnival - Wednesday | Unit 4 Topic 1 – Monologue: International Films <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unit introduction (<i>international films</i>) Re-cap of genre conventions (features & purpose of monologue) | |
| 2 | 24-28 April ANZAC Day PH - Tues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background and context of <i>Little Women/The King's Speech</i> View film in class time – discussion and consolidation | |
| 3 | 1-5 May Labour Day PH - Monday GIPSA - Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of <i>Little Women/The King's Speech</i> Understanding characters, themes, events and conflicts in film Formative tasks as set by teacher | |
| 4 | 8-12 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background and context of <i>Tsotsi</i> View film in class time – discussion and consolidation | |
| 5 | 15-19 May GIPSA - Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of <i>Tsotsi</i> Understanding characters, themes, events and conflicts in film Formative tasks as set by teacher | |
| 6 | 22-26 May GIPSA - Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review monologue genre – structure, purpose Planning an effective monologue Genre conventions and textual features | Formative Task L3 |
| 7 | 29 May – 2 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback returned on formative writing task Group work, peer editing, conferencing Refining monologue skills and techniques Task sheet distributed | |
| 8 | 5-9 June Exam Block – Tuesday L1, 2 GIPSA - Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual preparation for monologue Shutdown Tues P1 & 2 | Monologue Exam |
| 9 | 12-16 June | Unit 4 Topic 2 – Critical responses to literary texts: <i>Macbeth</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View: Polanski's <i>Macbeth</i> (1971) or Joel Coen's <i>The Tragedy of Macbeth</i> | |
| 10 | 19-23 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background and context of Shakespeare's England and <i>Macbeth</i> Begin reading and discussion of <i>Macbeth</i> | |
| School Holidays: Saturday June 24 – Sunday July 9 | | | |

Term 3, 2023

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| 1 | 10-14 July | • Close reading of the text and comprehension | |
| 2 | 17-21 July | • View Trevor Nunn production of key scenes (or similar) | |
| 3 | 24-28 July | • Analysis of characters and themes | |
| 4 | 31 July – 4 August Exam Block - Thursday | | |
| 5 | 7-11 August | | |
| 6 | 14-18 August | • External exam familiarity | |
| 7 | 21-25 August | • Conventions of analytical writing/academic formality | |
| 8 | 28 August – 1 Sept. | • Question types, planning, thesis writing, arguments | |
| 9 | 4-8 September | Mock Exams | Exam |
| 10 | 11-15 September | Mock Exams | |
| School Holidays: Saturday September 16 – Monday October 2 | | | |

Term 4, 2023

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| 1 | 2-6 October Queen's Birthday PH - Mon | • Feedback from mocks • EA strategies, practise and revision | |
| 2 | 9-13 October | • Feedback from mocks • EA strategies, practise and revision | |
| 3 | 16-20 October | • No classes for Applied and Certificate subjects. • Study lessons for General subjects. | |
| 4 | 23-27 October | External Exam Block | External Assessment: Unit 3 and 4 |
| 5 | 30 Oct – 3 Nov | | |
| 6 | 6-10 November | | |
| 7 | 13-17 November | Graduation | |