

Varsity College
Year 8 English - Semester 1, 2023

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	23-27 January Australia Day PH - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Unit: overview of 'Big Issues' Defining social issues/ revise persuasive devices Spelling and literacy 	
2	30 Jan – 3 Feb Swimming Carnival - Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 1: Environmentalism (teacher choice from OneNote) Embed Indigenous Perspectives Spelling and literacy 	
3	6-10 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 2: Racism (teacher choice from OneNote) Embed Indigenous Perspectives Persuasive genre/ spoken persuasive quick writes Spelling and literacy 	
4	13-17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 3: Mental Health (teacher choice from OneNote) Embed Indigenous Perspectives Persuasive genre/ spoken persuasive quick writes Spelling and literacy 	
5	20-24 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 4: Animal Rights (teacher choice from OneNote) Embed Indigenous Perspectives. Persuasive genre/ exemplars. Spelling and literacy 	
6	27 Feb – 3 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning/ drafting Spelling and literacy 	
7	6-10 March GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit drafts with self-reflection and peer feedback Effective presentation skills 	Draft L1
8	13-17 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing using teacher and peer feedback/ practise presentations. 	
9	20-24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final submission and persuasive speech presentations 	Presentation L1-3
10	27-31 March Cross Country - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminating activities 	
School Holidays: Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 16			
1	17-21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Unit – overview of 'Storytelling' Elements of a short story Spelling and literacy 	
2	24-28 April ANZAC Day PH - Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context and Setting – where, when, what, atmosphere Spelling and literacy 	
3	1-5 May Labour Day PH - Monday GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characterisations – descriptions, behaviours, and actions Spelling and literacy 	
4	8-12 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot Structure – orientation, complication, climax and resolution Illustrating short stories - experimenting with illustrations Spelling and literacy 	
5	15-19 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genre/planning/exemplars. Spelling and literacy 	
6	22-26 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning/drafting Spelling and literacy 	
7	29 May – 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit drafts with self-reflection and peer feedback 	Draft L3
8	5-9 June GIPSA - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing using teacher and peer feedback 	
9	12-16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Submission 	Assignment L3
10	19-23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection of Unit 	
School Holidays: Saturday June 24 – Sunday July 9			