

Varsity College Year 8 English – Semester 1, 2024

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	22-26 January O-Week Australia Day PH Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Unit: Big Issues Defining and Exploring Social Issues Persuasive Genre 	
2	29 Jan-2 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Literacy 21st Century Video Sharing Platforms Unpacking Assessment 	
3	5-9 February Swimming Carnival - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 1: Racism (mandatory topic) Indigenous Perspectives Persuasive Genre 	
4	12-16 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 2: Mental Health Young Peoples' Perspectives Persuasive Genre 	
5	19-23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Issue 3: Animal Rights Moral and Legal Perspectives Persuasive Genre 	
6	26 Feb-1 Mar GC24 - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Planning/Drafting 	
7	4-8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Drafting Feedback Activities - Whole Class/Self-reflection/Peer-review/Practise Presenting 	Draft L1
8	11-15 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Final Editing using teacher feedback 	
9	18-22 March GC24 - Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Final Due Student Presentations 	Presentation Final L1
10	25-29 March Good Friday PH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminating Activities 	
School holidays: Friday March 29 - Sunday April 14			
1	15-19 April Cross Country - Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Unit: The Danger of a Single Story Stereotypes and Assumptions Narrative Short Story Genre 	
2	22-26 April GC24 - Tuesday Anzac Day PH - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot Structure Cultural Perceptions/Indigenous Perspectives Unpacking Assessment 	
3	29 Apr-3 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characterisation Perceptions of Gender Roles Narrative Short Story Genre 	
4	6-10 May Labour Day PH - Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict and Resolution Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions Narrative Short Story Genre 	
5	13-17 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figurative Language Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions Narrative Short Story Genre 	
6	20-24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Images in Storytelling Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions Narrative Short Story Genre 	
7	27-31 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Planning and Drafting Draft Due 	Assignment Draft L3
8	3-7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback Activities Whole Class/Self-reflection/Peer-review 	
9	10-14 June GC24 - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Final Due Editing using teacher feedback 	Assignment Final L3
10	17-21 June Athletics Carnival - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culminating Activities 	
School holidays: Saturday June 22 - Sunday July 7			