

## Varsity College Year 8 English 2025 Term 1

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	27-31 January O-Week Australia Day: Monday	Introduction to Unit: Big Issues     Defining and Exploring Social Issues     Persuasive Genre	
2	3-7 February	Media Literacy     21st Century Video Sharing Platforms     Unpacking Assessment	
3	10-14 February Swimming Carnival: Tuesday	Big Issue 1: Racism in Australia (mandatory topic)     First Nations Peoples Histories and Perspectives	
4	17-21 February	Big Issue 2: Mental Health     Young Peoples' Perspectives	
5	24-28 February	Big Issue 3: Animal Rights     Moral and Legal Perspectives	
6	3-7 March GC25: Wednesday	Assessment Planning/Drafting	
7	10-14 March	Assessment Drafting/ Feedback Activities and Practise Presenting	Presentation Draft L1
8	17-21 March	Assessment Final     Editing using teacher feedback	
9	24-28 March	Assessment Final Due     Student Presentations	Presentation Final L1
10	31 March - 4 April	Culminating Activities	
		School holidays: Friday April 4 - Sunday April 19	

## Term 2

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	21-25 April Easter Monday ANZAC Day: Friday	Introduction to Unit: The Danger of a Single Story     Defining Stereotypes and Assumptions     Narrative Short Story Genre	
2	28 April-2 May	Plot Structure     Cultural Perceptions/Indigenous Stories and Perspectives     Unpacking Assessment	
3	5-9 May Labour Day: Monday	Characterisation     Perceptions of Gender Roles	
4	12-16 May	Conflict and Resolution     Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions	
5	19-23 May	Figurative Language     Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions	
6	26-30 May	Visual Images in Storytelling     Challenging Stereotypes and Assumptions	
7	2-6 June GC25: Wednesday	Assessment Planning and Drafting	Assignment Draft L3
8	9-13 June GC25: Wednesday	Assessment Drafting/ Feedback Activities	
9	16-20 June	Assessment Final Due     Editing using teacher feedback	Assignment Final L3
10	23-27 June	Culminating Activities	



