English

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Subject Overview:

The English curriculum is offered to students across Years 8 to 12. The study of English is compulsory in Years 8 to 11. Throughout these years emphasis is placed on text study and text production through a range of reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing activities.

Middle School Pathway:

At Year 8, the study of English focuses on the skills of reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing for meaning and purpose. Student's literacy skills are further developed through focus study in genre, comprehension, spelling and punctuation applicable to the language of English.

At Year 9, students study English for a year and support is provided in further developing literacy skills. Through Years 8 and 9 students regularly complete diagnostic testing in literacy and language comprehension.

Senior School Pathway:

Within the SACE, students need to attain 20 credits for literacy which count toward the 200 credits required to successfully complete the certification. At Port Lincoln High School, Stage 1 English is compulsory in both Semesters 1 and 2 and students must attain at least a 'C' grading in both semesters to reach successful completion of this element of the SACE.

Three English courses are offered to cater for students at Stage 1 level: English which can lead to Stage 2 English Studies or Stage 2 English Communications; English Pathways which can lead to Stage 2 English Pathways and Stage 1 Literacy for Community and Life. The Stage 2 course options are not compulsory.