TEACH ENGLISH

Pass along a love for literature, communications and media, and the sheer power of the written and spoken word

As an English teacher you’ll not only be sharing your love of the language with your students, but also teaching them to think critically, read widely, and listen, speak and write effectively across a variety of media.

English is a compulsory subject for the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

From Years 7-12, students learn how language works. They also learn to form written and oral responses to a variety of literary material, and gain access to the world of the imagination through the works of creative writers. Students learn to use English in diverse private and public contexts.

You should also use your special interests and talents to contribute to a wide range of school activities.

Getting there

If you want to become a secondary English teacher, you are encouraged to study English at an advanced level for the HSC.

To qualify as an English teacher you will need to complete, through a recognised higher education institution, a major (ie three years of degree-level study) in English with an emphasis on literature, plus at least one year of professional studies in teaching that includes English (Years 7-12) teaching methodology.

Degree options

• an undergraduate degree, and a graduate entry teacher education program such as a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary), or a Master of Teaching (Secondary); or,
• an integrated undergraduate program such as a four-year Bachelor of Education (Secondary) which includes both subject content studies and teacher education; or,
• an undergraduate double degree program such as a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).

Further information about the requirements to become a teacher in NSW, including approved initial teacher education programs, can be found on the NSW Institute of Teachers website at www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au.

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