English as an Additional Language
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These units will help you to consolidate and develop the language learning and skills from Units A1/A2 and are ideal if you aim to go to university.

Unit 3 Australia as a cultural community

The thematic focus for Unit 3 is Australia as a cultural community. Using knowledge and skills from their existing languages and cultures, students learn to use English to further explore the concept of 'cultural schemas' and how culture influences the way in which they and other people view the world. Through the exploration of Australia as a multicultural society protecting individual freedoms, they develop an appreciation of the concept of cultural constructs. They also develop their ability to use English appropriate to audience and purpose. Their intercultural understandings enable them to apply analytical andproblem-solving skills to their investigations of commonality and difference.

Students use SAE to explore how structures, patterns and audience expectations influence language and meaning and that meaning is negotiated, not given, within and across cultures.

Unit 4 Language and Empowerment

The thematic focus for Unit 4 is language and empowerment. Using knowledge and skills from their existing languages and cultures, students learn to use English to explore the relationship between the uses of language and the concept of the power of language. Through building on knowledge of the ways in which language can be used to influence, persuade and position people, students examine how it can also be used to privilege or marginalise individuals, social groups, ideologies, beliefs and values. Development of these understandings enables students to choose to use language appropriate for audience and purpose, moving between language varieties and situations confidently.

Students explore how cultural conceptualisations are embedded in language and how power relationships are created through persuasive and rhetorical devices. This knowledge, and the ability to select and control language to suit context, provides 'empowerment'.

Prerequisites
Recommended:
Minimum **C grade in EALD ATAR Units one and two**

Year of Study
Year 12

Type of Assessment
15% Investigation
15% Response
20% Production (Written)
10% Production (Oral)
10% Common Oral Assessment Task (COAT)
30% Written Examinations

Costs
Total Cost $60