English Extension is designed for students who have a genuine interest and demonstrated ability in English. Students who have achieved a B (not B minus) or an A in year 9 would be capable of taking English Extension.

This subject is designed for students who are dedicated and passionate about English and aims to challenge students to broaden their understandings about texts and language systems. Resources are more challenging than those in English and assessment tasks will require stronger and more sophisticated language and cognitive skills.

There is an expectation that girls who choose this subject will be independent learners, confident readers, interested in a range of texts in a variety of media and proficient editors of their own work. Students will be required to read, deconstruct and construct texts in their own time, as well as in class time.

This course aims to enhance students’ understandings about:

• a range of genres and their social and cultural effects
• the flexibility, diversity and dynamism of language

Students will develop:

• a creative and critical engagement with texts
• an ability to reflect on the ways language is used in a wide range of contexts to suit particular social and cultural purposes

Assessment

Students’ writing, reading, speaking and listening skills will be assessed in a variety of ways:

• expositions (e.g. literary analysis, seminar or panel discussions)
• imaginative texts (e.g. narrative, drama script, monologue)
• persuasive/reflective texts (e.g. feature article, interview, testimonial)

English Extension will provide girls who are planning on following an OP course with an opportunity to deepen their skills of analysis, evaluation and synthesis and will provide them with a solid understanding of the principles that underpin the Senior English Syllabus.

The English Extension program is flexible and is designed to suit students’ interests and needs. Students are encouraged to take an active role in their own progress and success and there is room for negotiation of unit content, learning activities and assessment tasks.