Students have already been exposed to a progressive development of communication skills under the National Curriculum. Year 7 English continues to make the link between the skills, texts and approaches used in the Primary School setting and the learning demands and expectations of this academic subject in both the Junior & Senior School.

The ability to use appropriate communication skills underpins the Year 7 English Course. Students are challenged to consider how the sense of who they are links to the language they use and interact with. The language they communicate within a written, digital or individual/group oral situation helps shape their identities.

In accordance with the expectations of The National Curriculum students will listen to, read, view, interpret, evaluate and perform a range of spoken, written and multimodal texts in which the primary purpose is appealing, as well as texts designed to inform and persuade. These include various types of media texts including newspapers, magazines and digital texts, early adolescent novels, non fiction, poetry and dramatic performances. Students develop their understanding of how texts, including media texts, are influenced by context, purpose and audience.

Unit themes/topics are used to engage with a suite of new knowledge:
- Analysing persuasion in media text – Persuasive commercials, TED Kids, sustainability
- Reading & Creating Life Writing – Biographies, literary memoir
- Reading & interpreting literature about Australian – Indigenous, New Australians, Historical
- Exploring & Creating Poetry and Song – Social Commentary and Issues

There are four complete units delivered over the year with a combination of oral and written Assessment Tasks.

Each Semester, 2 Written Tasks and 1 Spoken/Multimodal Task
- In class, assignment, and test conditions for written
- Individual and group for spoken/multimodal
- A Satisfactory Result in both writing and oral work is necessary for a Pass for the semester

Students are expected to draft and then edit their work before final submission by the due dates.

ENGLISH Literacy Program:
The Yr 7 Standards of Language & Grammar Conventions and the routines of shared/guided reading practice are ‘business as usual’ in the daily learning of the topic and task. In addition each student participates in deliberately scheduled homework, comprehension and writing challenges to extend their language and confidence.

- English Rules!
- Comprehension, Reading to Learn: Warm–ups, short/extended and visual text
- Just Write! Journals

Throughout the year, students are encouraged to enter English competitions in public speaking, debating and writing.