What is this course about?

Take your critical thinking skills to the ultimate level by choosing Level 3 English. This is a robust, challenging and exciting course for students who are truly passionate about studying texts and language, and who are prepared to engage and participate fully. You will learn how to express your ideas confidently and critically through a range of styles and opportunities. Hone your critical analysis of texts by considering different readings available within a range of text choices. Your voice, interpretations, and world views will be developed and extended in Level 3 English.

What sorts of things will I do?

- Read a range of written, visual and oral texts such as novels, short stories, articles, poetry and film.
- Write, speak and create texts confidently to express your own comprehensive ideas.
- Critically evaluate perspectives and ideas in and of texts and demonstrate your understanding of these through creating your own texts.

What standards can I enter?				
NCEA Level	Standard Number	Name of standard	Credits	Assessment
3	AS91480	Respond critically to significant aspects of visual and/or oral text(s) through close reading, supported by evidence	3	Internal
3	AS91479	Develop an informed understanding of literature and/or language using critical texts	4	Internal (R)
3	AS91475	Produce a selection of fluent and coherent writing which develops, sustains and structures ideas	6	Internal (W)
3	AS91476	Create and deliver a fluent and coherent oral text which develops, sustains and structures ideas	3	Internal
3	AS91478	Respond critically to significant connections across texts, supported by evidence	4	Internal
3	AS91472	Respond critically to specified aspect(s) of studied written text(s), supported by evidence	4	External (R, W)
3	AS91473	Respond critically to to specified aspect(s) of studied visual or oral text(s), supported by evidence	4	External (W)
3	AS91474	Respond critically to significant aspects of unfamiliar written texts through close reading, supported by evidence	4	External (R, W)

Key for assessment column:

R - UE reading literacy

W - UE writing literacy

Frequently asked questions

Do I have to do all the standards in the course?

You will be entered for all standards in the core course and are expected to give your best effort in all of them. The only exceptions will be occasions where an alternative MAP is approved by the specialist subject leader after consultation with your parents, tutor and student services.

How will I achieve personal excellence in Level 3 English?

Achieving success is all about deciding what you can do to challenge yourself and doing the best you can to reach your goals. One way to do this in English could be to choose particular standards in which you could achieve Merit or Excellence. Another way might be to aim for a **subject endorsed certificate in English – 14 credits at Merit or Excellence (4 credits need to come from an external)**. To achieve challenging goals and quality credits this year you should work closely with your peers, parents/caregivers, tutor and teacher.

Something else to consider is preparation for Scholarship Examinations at the end of the year. These are a very challenging set of assessments that assess your knowledge and responses to an extended range of literary texts . Please ask your English teacher about the program that will run in 2020 or see Phillipa Wintle or Nathan Garton.

Subject requirements for assessment authenticity

Conditions for Assessment

Standards such as the writing portfolio are only able to be worked on in class. This is to ensure authenticity – that all work that you submit is your own. It is important that you understand the conditions of assessment for these standards and that you direct any questions about when and how you're able to work on them to your teacher.

Submitting Internal Assessments

It is important that you take note of the due dates, that you have personally discussed with your teacher, for your internal assessments. All internal assessments must be submitted on or prior to your personal due date.

Resubmissions and Reassessments

Resubmissions can only be offered **once** and only when **small errors or omissions need to be corrected in your work in a short period of time.** Resubmissions are not available to students who just want to improve their grade; you may have the opportunity to do this through a reassessment, however, you need to check with your teacher, as reassessments are not available in every standard. Please read the NZQA assessment document that your teacher will give you **carefully** so you are fully aware of these conditions.