

ENGLISH



General English develops students as thoughtful, creative and critical users of language. Students study a range of literary and non-literary texts to explore how language shapes meaning, represents perspectives, influences audiences, and reflects or challenges social, cultural and ethical ways of thinking.

Aligned with the QCAA General English 2025 syllabus, students develop skills in reading, viewing, writing, speaking and listening for a range of purposes, audiences and contexts. They analyse and evaluate ideas, attitudes, values and representations in texts, while also creating their own imaginative, analytical and persuasive responses.

Through this course, students have opportunities to:

- communicate effectively in Standard Australian English when responding to and creating literary and non-literary texts
- analyse how language, text structures, aesthetic features and stylistic devices shape meaning and position audiences
- make purposeful choices about genre, structure, language, textual features and technologies when creating texts
- appreciate the aesthetic and ethical value of language and literature
- think critically and creatively about how texts represent individuals, communities, cultures and the world

- explore how texts may affirm, question or challenge social and cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs
- develop empathy, discernment and respect by engaging with diverse perspectives, voices and experiences.

At Mackay Christian College, General English is taught through a Christian worldview. Students are encouraged to seek truth, communicate with wisdom and integrity, and consider how texts shape understandings of identity, relationships, justice, culture and human dignity. Through the study of language and literature, students are challenged to value others as image-bearers of God and to engage respectfully with different perspectives.

General English also reflects the College's **CLEAR** values. Students demonstrate **Christlikeness** through respectful communication and empathy, **Learning** through critical and creative engagement with texts, **Excellence** through careful crafting and analysis of language, **Attitude** through perseverance and open-mindedness, and **Respect** through listening to and valuing diverse viewpoints.

A course of study in General English promotes intellectual flexibility, critical awareness, imagination and effective communication. These skills prepare students for further study, work, local and global citizenship, and lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

