

# Year 10 Writing & Literacy Program

NSW Stage 5 Aligned | HSC  
Foundation Focus Advanced  
Essay & Composition  
Module-Style Text Study

## About the Program

The Year 10 Writing & Literacy Program is a year-long course designed to build advanced essay writing, textual analysis and exam skills through structured instruction aligned with the NSW English Syllabus (Stage 5). The program provides a direct foundation for Stage 6 English, the HSC and tertiary study.

## Curriculum Resources Included

### Confident Communicator — Advanced Composition & Craft

- ✓ Advanced creative craft
- ✓ Distinctive authorial voice
- ✓ Sophisticated language
- ✓ Deliberate structure
- ✓ Subtext and symbolism
- ✓ Reflective statements
- ✓ Stylistic range
- ✓ Conceptual depth

### Skill Mastery — Module Analysis & HSC Essays

- ✓ Module-style analysis
- ✓ HSC essay technique
- ✓ Conceptual thesis
- ✓ Integrated evidence
- ✓ Comparative and thematic study
- ✓ Unseen text response
- ✓ Grammar and expression
- ✓ Refinement under pressure

## Year 10 Learning Journey

A year-long program that builds conceptual analysis, advanced composition and HSC exam technique across four progressive terms.

## T1 — Conceptual Textual Study

### Focus Areas

- ✓ Conceptual analysis
- ✓ Context and meaning
- ✓ Composer's intent
- ✓ Sophisticated thesis
- ✓ Integrated evidence
- ✓ Conceptual paragraphing
- ✓ Critical metalanguage
- ✓ Sustained argument

### Text Types

- ✓ Module-style essays
- ✓ Critical responses
- ✓ Analytical journals

## T2 — Advanced Composition

### Focus Areas

- ✓ Distinctive voice
- ✓ Deliberate craft
- ✓ Stylistic sophistication
- ✓ Structure and form
- ✓ Subtext and symbolism
- ✓ Discursive exploration
- ✓ Reflective statement
- ✓ Redrafting for effect

### Text Types

- ✓ Imaginative compositions
- ✓ Discursive pieces
- ✓ Reflection statements

## T3 — Critical & Comparative Analysis

### Focus Areas

- ✓ Comparative analysis
- ✓ Evaluating perspectives
- ✓ Context and reception
- ✓ Synthesising ideas
- ✓ Comparative essay craft
- ✓ Evidence selection
- ✓ Conceptual cohesion
- ✓ Critical judgement

### Text Types

- ✓ Comparative essays
- ✓ Critical evaluations
- ✓ Multimodal responses

## T4 — HSC Exam Technique

### Focus Areas

- ✓ HSC essay planning
- ✓ Adapting thesis to questions
- ✓ Unseen text analysis
- ✓ Writing under time
- ✓ Sophisticated expression
- ✓ Section-by-section technique
- ✓ Accuracy and control
- ✓ Self-evaluation

### Text Types

- ✓ Timed essays
- ✓ Unseen analysis
- ✓ Creative & discursive tasks

## Core Skills Developed

**Critical Metalanguage** — Command precise critical terminology with fluency.

**Conceptual Reading** — Interpret ideas, context and meaning conceptually.

**Advanced Essay Writing** — Adapt a sophisticated thesis to any question.

**Critical & Comparative Analysis** — Evaluate and compare how texts make meaning.

**Grammar & Expression** — Write with precision, sophistication and control.

**HSC Exam Technique** — Master timing, planning and exam strategy.

## Why Year 10 Matters

Year 10 is the launchpad to senior study. The analytical sophistication and exam technique built now directly shape Preliminary and HSC results.

- ✓ Analyse texts conceptually
- ✓ Adapt essays to any question
- ✓ Compose with a distinctive voice
- ✓ Reason with integrated evidence
- ✓ Perform under HSC-style conditions

| Year 10 Mastery                             | Exam Confidence                              | Stage 6 Readiness                                 | HSC Success                               |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Build conceptual analysis & advanced essays | Apply sophisticated technique under pressure | Transition into Preliminary English with strength | Lay the foundation for Band 6 performance |

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