



Belconnen High School

COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **9 English: Genre Study**
Faculty Head: Chelsea Watson

Faculty: **English**

Description of Course

Students have selected a genre of interest to study this semester, crime fiction, fantasy fiction, science fiction or Shakespearean plays. Students are often drawn to specific genres because they have surface level elements that they enjoy, but during this unit we will step back and look at a genre as a whole, examining them for deeper messages and themes being communicated. During term 3, we will investigate and be exposed to a wide range of texts in chosen genres, including short stories and novels, to uncover themes being communicated. Students will explore using genre techniques themselves to communicate their own themes and messages and finally write an essay to analyse how a novel conveys a theme. In term 4, students will examine a range of visual and film techniques in texts that match their genre of choice, and plan a storyboard of a scene using these techniques to effect an audience. This study will culminate in an oral presentation analysing the ways a director has employed these techniques in a visual text form their chosen genre.

Learning Outcomes

- Interacts with others, and listens to and creates spoken and multimodal texts including literary texts
- Selects and experiments with language features including literary devices, and experiments with multimodal features and features of voice
- Analyses representations of people, places, events and concepts, and how texts respond to contexts
- Creates written and multimodal texts, including literary texts, for a range of purposes and audiences, expressing and expanding ideas, shaping meaning and providing substantiation
- Selects and experiments with text structures to organise, develop and link ideas when writing and creating

Materials Required

Students will have access to a google classroom where class tasks and assessment items will be displayed, therefore a device is required. The assessment dates for this subject will appear on the students google calendar. Students can refer to the BHS Study Skills Guide and the BHS website for assistance with assessment tasks. The Assessment and Reporting Policy is available on the school website. Items Required Chromebook or suitable device Notebooks, pencil case and equipment.

Homework Required

Students will be expected to complete a variety of tasks outside of class time. This may include, teacher-set homework, research for tasks, revision for tests, review of class work and more.

Assessment Schedule	Due Date	% Weighting
Flash Fiction - Written	10/08/2026	
Analytical Essay	14/09/2026	
Flash Fiction Story Board	02/11/2026	
Film Analysis Oral presentation	16/11/2026	
Classwork and Discussion Participation	04/12/2026	