



Belconnen High School

COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **10 English**

Faculty: **English**

Faculty Head: Chelsea Watson

Description of Course

In Semester Two, Year 10 English students will develop their analytical, creative and communication skills through two engaging units of study. In Term Three, students will undertake a novel study, exploring themes, characterisation and authorial choices through ongoing classwork, discussion and textual analysis. A range of classic and literary novels are being studied. This unit will culminate in a creative response assessment, accompanied by a written rationale that explains and justifies the choices made in the creative piece. In Term Four, students will study a range of influential speeches from the past century, examining how language and rhetorical techniques are used to persuade and inspire audiences. Students will apply their learning by planning and delivering an oral presentation on a topic they are passionate about as the culminating assessment task for the semester.

Learning Outcomes

- Interacts with others, and listens to and creates spoken and multimodal texts including literary texts
- Selects, varies and experiments with language features including rhetorical and literary devices, and experiments with multimodal features and features of voice
- Analyses and evaluates representations of people, places, events and concepts, and how interpretations of these may be influenced by readers and viewers
- Creates written and multimodal texts, including literary texts, for a range of purposes and audiences, expressing ideas and representations, making connections and providing substantiation
- Selects and experiments with text structures to organise, develop and link ideas and representations 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
Creative Response and Rationale	18/09/2026	
Great speeches Oral Presentation	16/11/2026	
Classwork and Participation Term 3	25/09/2026	
Classwork and Participation Term 4	20/11/2026	