



# Belconnen High School

## COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **8 English**

Faculty: **English**

Faculty Head: Chelsea Watson

### Description of Course

In Semester Two, Year 8 English students develop their analytical, creative and communication skills through two engaging units of study. In Term Three, students undertake a novel study of "the Hunger Games", exploring heroism, characterisation and ethical choices through ongoing classwork, discussion and textual analysis. Students develop skills in creating structured arguments and supporting ideas with evidence, culminating in a written essay. In Term Four, students explore features of genre and multimodal texts. Through examination of how features of genre are developed and the ways stories are told in interactive stories such as games, students will develop their own interactive storytelling experience. Students present their interactive story concept to the class in an oral presentation, combining engaging visual media and public speaking skills.

### Learning Outcomes

- Interacts with others, and listens to and creates spoken and/or multimodal texts including literary texts
- Selects and varies language features including literary devices, and/or multimodal features and features of voice
- Explains how ideas are represented and how texts reflect or challenge contexts
- Creates written and/or multimodal texts, including literary texts for different purposes and audiences, expressing and advancing ideas with supporting evidence
- Selects and varies 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 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Podcast                           | 07/08/2026 |             |
| Analysis Test                     | 12/08/2026 |             |
| Essay                             | 07/09/2026 |             |
| Oral Presentation and Game Design | 23/11/2026 |             |
| Classwork                         | 04/12/2026 |             |