



CHANCELLOR SECONDARY CAMPUS Junior Secondary - Excellence in English



English Electives Junior - Secondary

Chancellor State College Secondary elective subjects that students with a keen interest in English or literature can choose.

Year 7 has Fabulous Fiction which enables students to select a topic and literature of interest to them in order to conduct a deep study in an area of interest. This subject allows like minded students to pursue individual areas of interest while being able to share their passion. Students have the opportunity to challenge themselves and their literary skills in a supportive and engaging space.

Extension English in Year 9 is an elective that is complimentary to the senior pathways and subjects of Extension English and Literature. Students study one of Shakespeare most enjoyable and hilarious plays while also completing a literature study based on the student's individual thesis and text selection. In this subject, students will have the opportunity to engage with industry professionals who attend the school to conduct workshops with the students.

Higher Order Thinking

Higher Order Thinking is embedded into units of English within the Junior School catering for students who need extending and challenging all students to progress their thinking in different ways. Chancellor State College develops Higher Order Thinking skills using De Bono's six thinking hats and in the context of our learning and community.

Pedagogy

Chancellor State College prides itself on its teaching pedagogy utilising the experience of our teachers and the latest research and theory. Teachers regularly share their practices. The Gradual Release Model is a key practice at the College as well as a specific focus on High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedures from Dr John Munroe and the embedding of Higher Order Thinking practices.

Junior Secondary to Senior Secondary Alignment

The Junior Elective subjects and Junior English program are strongly aligned to Senior English program, with the program meeting the Australian Curriculum and building student capacity with increasing complexity.

Writer's Workshop – Writer's in Residence

Industry professionals such as published authors and illustrators work with our students to propel them into the industry with Dr Cameron Stelzer's Writing Workshop. Each year in Term 3 students from Year 6 and 7 can partake in day of opportunity and extension of their writing prowess and illustrating ideas. Year 6 students from feeder schools are invited to take part in this unique opportunity.

Kay Kerr, a local author, is scheduled to start working with the students at our College in Term 2 2023 with a workshop for students in Years 7-12. She writes Young Adult Fiction and has recently published 'Please Don't Hug Me' and a romantic coming of age novel with a teenage girl with autism at the heart of it. Her knowledge that she imparts to students about crafting but also the writing landscape will be invaluable.

Competitive Edge

In recent years Chancellor State College has had a high level of involvement in State and National writing competitions. In 2021 our College was recognised with a Certificate of Excellence in the Write4Fun competition for outstanding student writing being one of the top 5% of schools who showed this level of achievement. Our students have been recognised and published in their collection of short stories and poetry book each year.

For several years our student's participation in the 'Telling Stories' competition has seen our students awarded one of the top 5 awards for their year level with a presentation at the University of Sunshine Coast.

Our students may also compete in the Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition, The University of Western Sydney's, What Matters? National competition, as well as the Reader's Cup competition.

Excellence in English

A P-12 College approach to the needs and extension of students of English.

- Literacy is taught every day in every class.
- Teachers use a balanced approach to teaching literacy that includes a variety of teaching approaches and high yield strategies based on research such as Dr Munro's High Reliability Literacy Teaching Procedures (HRLTP).
- Teachers and students work to set individual goals
- Teachers plan and implement learning experiences to ensure goals are practised and achieved.
- Training and development of teachers and faculties are provided through Professional Development and our Mentoring Program.
- Active participation in community, state and national competitive opportunities are encouraged.
- Authentic and real-world opportunities for students are available to engage with industry professionals, gaining valuable skills and feedback.
- Case management

Voices on the Coast

As the University of Sunshine Coast is on our doorstep we are regular visitors to the Voices on the Coast festival. This enables our students to choose authors that they would like attend tutorials from to assist them with their Excellence in English pathway, whether that be as a writer, publisher, illustrator or an avid reader. There is no better way to be inspired than to meet those who inspire you.

Book Week

Chancellor State College adores Book Week, with activities all week to the delight of our students. With competitions and special activities running during the week to involve everyone. It is also tradition that we run a book donation drive for Team Adem and The Leukemia Foundation Accommodation Villages to add some brightness to sick children and their family's lives.

Case Management

Knowing our students with the triangulation of data allows JS English teachers to develop a case management system using our Data Action Plan to identify key students to move forward using precise strategies. Our team specifically case manages students at risk of failing and moving students to the next achievement standard. This work compliments the Year Level Coordinator's case management of behaviour and year level below academic standard rates

Debating

Debating has been a long held opportunity for students across Junior and Secondary years. The College offers tutorials and coaching in this field and has a strong presence in the Debating circuit.

Wandiny

In conjunction with the University of Sunshine Coast, students in Senior Secondary can partake in a one day workshop and response to First Nation stories through this creative writing gathering. Students produce poetry in response to the presenters and creative writing lecturers. These poems are then crafted into an anthology by the university.