



Curriculum K–12 Directorate

English Unit Fact sheet

Curriculum Support and Professional Learning for K–12 English teachers in NSW

The main focus of the English Unit is to support government schools across the State in implementing the NSW Board of Studies English K–12 syllabuses

Curriculum advice

Our subject experts can offer quick and informal advice to teachers, regions and parents through phone or email about:

- current English curriculum issues, research and policy
- practical strategies in curriculum implementation, planning, programming and assessment
- materials and resources for teachers
- professional learning opportunities.

Ongoing support

We can help set up and support curriculum networks by:

- developing and delivering needs-based workshops, videoconferences and presentations
- reviewing resources and professional learning programs
- providing web-based materials and facilitating online interaction.

We also provide advice to and collaborate with professional associations, other Directorates, State and Federal government and other agencies to support teachers of English in NSW.

2008–9 focus areas

- *New English K–6 Programming Support*: website (and workshops) designed to provide practical support in planning and programming English in the context of 6 KLAs; the website links to current resources and is

regularly updated with new materials developed by teachers.

- *Stage 3 Reading strategies*: a trial project focusing on teaching critical comprehension strategies with literary texts; sample strategies and activities will be posted on the English K–6 website.
- *Making Middle Years Matter in English*: combined Stage 3 and 4 teacher workshops based on developing a unit of work around the adaptation of novel to film.
- New website to support Boys' Education in English 7–12: including interactive whiteboard downloadable lessons.
- HSC English Prescriptions 2009–12: units of work, workshops and student materials to support the new electives and texts for all courses.
- Building an effective faculty: two-day workshops, underpinned by the AESOP research, which provide a practical approach for leaders of 7–12 English faculties.
- Premier's Reading Challenge: new website encourages students to enter books online; *Authors Online* connects authors to students in remote areas; and the Ambassadors Program features high profile people supporting reading and visiting schools.

Professional learning workshops

For information about workshops currently being offered please go to our internet booking site:

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/prolearn08/semester1/s_english.htm>

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English 7–12
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Premier's Reading Challenge
<<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/index.htm>>

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