This is a Year 9 and/or Year 10 Course

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Billions of words and images are produced every day about news, current affairs, sport, business, the arts, youth culture, and science - every possible aspect of human life. Information and communication have become a huge international industry. But how are those words and images produced? Who produces them? What effect do they have on us? Who is included? Who is excluded?

Media and Communication explores all of these questions and more. This course is designed to develop critical and evaluative skills and to empower students in their relationships with many forms of media. Speaking, viewing and listening are central to this course. Students are encouraged to ask questions, negotiate in groups, exchange ideas and actively listen. A range of print and non-print texts are viewed, read, and critically analysed. These texts provide the opportunity for students to respond by using a range of text types for different purposes, audiences and contexts.

WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION?

This course is designed for creative students who enjoy exploring a variety of text types and believe that further studies of English will help them develop skills needed for later subject choices, including pre-tertiary choices such as English, Media Studies, Legal Studies, behavioural and social sciences and the Arts.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR THIS SUBJECT?

Students are expected to have very good English skills, as well as a desire to experience and take part in an alternative English program. Extended writing and analysis are integral to this subject.