

2026 VCE English Language Units 1/2 Program

About your Principal Tutor, Harley Zhong

Hi all,

My name is Harley, I will be your principal tutor this year. I am a MHS graduate from the class of 2018, topping the cohort and the state with a 99.95 ATAR and 217.37 aggregate. I scored Raw 50s for English Language, Chemistry and Maths Methods, as well as Premier's VCE Award for English Language and All Round's Achiever. Having achieved 30/30 for Section B: Analytical Commentary and 30/30 for Section C: Essay on the final exam, I obtained the highest examination score in the history of VCE English Language.

Even after my VCE years, I am continuously engaged in teaching VCE English Language, imparting my knowledge, sharing my techniques, and passing my tips for success to over a hundred students over the years. Despite scoring perfect marks on both essays and ACs for various SACs, trial exam and the final exam, I believe that there is no limit to one's ability in this subject.

Throughout my teaching, it comes to my surprise that I have picked up many things I have never ever even thought of in my VCE years. Not many people would continue writing essays and ACs after VCE, but I am glad to say that I have never let my pen rest.

When you join my Signature VCE English Language Program, you will not only learn from my tips, tricks and techniques, but you will also unlock a vast repository of knowledge amassed from the successes of generations of my students.

Thus, I sincerely invite you onboard; let me present to you my finest knowledge and commitment, and with it, may you reach even loftier heights!

You can read about my students' outstanding results on my website:

<http://www.vceexceleducation.com/>

The VCE English Language Units 1/2 Program will be led by our Head of VCE English Language Units ½, Sharissa Pak.

A short introduction from Sharissa:

Hi everyone!

My name is Sharissa and I graduated from Mac.Rob with a perfect score in VCE English Language.

Drawing on my extensive tutoring experience, I meticulously tailor my lessons and feedback to align with the specific marking styles of VCE English Language teachers and examiners.

I am deeply committed to fostering not only academic success but also nurturing a profound sense of confidence in my students that transcends their scholarly achievements. Serving as both a tutor and a friend, I pledge unwavering support for each of my students.

Signature Group Program Features

- Effective 43-week Group Tutoring
- Practice SAQs, ACs, Essay prompts, weekly lesson notes and mock examination assessments
- All lessons are recorded for revision purposes. If you happen to miss out, you can catch up by watching the recorded lesson or attend a live lesson in a different session
- Guaranteed position in our Signature Group Units ¾ English Language Program in 2027
- **Raw 40 Study Score Guarantee* (available only for Units ¾ Program)**
- **Free Weekly 1 on 1 consultations (out-of-class assistance)**
- **Unlimited Essay/AC/SAQ submissions with no extra charge**

In 2026, our English Language Units ½ Program will offer, yet again, **FREE weekly** 1 on 1 feedback sessions and **UNLIMITED submissions** to all students. This is an offer unmatched in the entire state!

2026 VCE English Language Program Updates

With the commencement of the new study design in 2024, there are some changes to the course content, and so new materials, exercises, module assessments, question styles and lesson notes are added. Each year, we take feedback from our students so that we improve and grow together along your academic journey.

The 2026 Program features the following updates and improvements:

1. **Redesigned, refurbished** lesson notes tailored to the 2024 study design
2. **Modified Units ½ course** aimed to focus on concepts relevant in Units 3/4
3. **Module Assessments (mock SACs)** before **every SAC**
4. **AC & Essay Workshops** in term holidays
5. Optimised efficiency in booking **weekly Free 1 on 1 Consultations** for Feedback – available on Calendly.
6. A larger team of **Raw 47-50 tutors** (hired and trained from past students of VCE Excel Education) to increase **feedback output, quality and efficiency**
7. **NEW Scholars Program** which combines the best of **1 on 1 Tutoring** with the **Signature Group Program**

2026 Lesson Details

Lesson length:

1.5 hours/week

Lesson fee:

In 2026, there will be 2 available Programs for students to choose from:

1. Signature Group Program - \$90/week***

This is the 1.5-hour weekly Signature Group Class.

2. Scholars Program - \$180/week***

This premium program combines **personalised 1 on 1 tutoring (1 hour weekly, scheduled with our designated 1 on 1 tutors)** with our **Signature Group Class (1.5-hour weekly)**.

In 2026, our standard rates are:

- 1:1 sessions: **\$150/hour**
- Signature Group Program: **\$90/week**

Instead of \$240/week, the Scholars Program offers both at a bundled rate of **\$180/week**, providing you with an **extra 1.5-hours Group Class** at just **\$30** more.

*Multiple Discount applies*** (See Discount Section)*

*GST exclusive****

Payment mode:

Payments as instalments of 10 lessons, to be paid prior to the lesson commencing the new cycle.

We provide additional discounts for payments of 20 lessons or for the entire course.

Locations:

1. **Face to face Malvern East Classroom (92 Bowen St, Malvern East)**
2. **Face to face CBD Classroom (206/343 Little Collins St, Melbourne CBD)**
3. **All above sessions can be attended via Zoom*** (see Q&A section)**

Lesson Times:

Group A: Thursday Lesson 4:30-6:00pm – available from Jan 2026

(In person class at 206/343 Little Collins St, Melbourne CBD & online via Zoom)

or

Group B: Sunday Lesson 3:00-4:30pm – available from Nov 2025

(In person class at 92 Bowen St, Malvern East & online via Zoom)

Note:

*(i) For students who are also enrolled in our **VCE Chemistry Units ½ Program**, we recommend attending the **Thursday 4:30-6:00pm for VCE English Language Units ½** as our VCE Chemistry Units ½ session is on **Thursday 6:00-7:30pm**.*

Having both VCE English Language and VCE Chemistry sessions done on the same day would be more convenient.

FAQs

Why VCE Excel Education?

There are many tutors out there charging ridiculously cheap prices: \$25, \$20 and even \$15 per hour! Why pay more for our VCE English Language program? The answer is simple; you pay for our unparalleled dedication, erudition and skills which can be replicated by anyone... many students have followed your footsteps, under our tutelage, scoring 45+, 48+ or just a 40 for those with humbler ambitions.

Teaching VCE English Language is no easy job; no essays/ACs deserve to be ticked all throughout; no elaborations deserve to be left unattended. Unlike maths and science subjects where everything is black and white, English Language is far more complicated. As a teacher, we cannot simply dismiss an essay without spending hours going over your logic, your argument, your structure, your examples and even your writing style. As a student, do you prefer genuine feedback which can truly help you improve on the SAC/exam, or perfunctory remarks and red ticks all over your essay/AC? I'm sure what you would pick for your most important year of schooling. And I'm sure you hope that your tutor could provide quality feedback, even on the night/morning before your SAC, to your last minute, crammed, procrastinated essay/AC. After hours and hours of example-searching, essay-writing, over-editing, you deserve more. Under our tutelage, it's simple; you pay slightly higher for a much better service proven by results year on year.

You can find more about our students' outstanding results on our website:
<https://www.vceexceleducation.com/>

Why Group Tutoring?

From almost a decade of experience with VCE English Language, Group Tutoring is proven by results to be the most efficient way of delivering this subject. In my group lessons, we engage in interactive discussions, where the best of each student's ideas is distilled in an atmosphere of friendly competition and enthusiastic contribution. With a longer session time, Group lessons also provide you with more exposure to different text types and essay prompts, essential to developing strong analytical and expressive skills.

Under my Group tutelage, over 90% of students score above Raw 40, including multiple Raw 50 students year over year.

From experience, Private Tutoring is only effective for 2 types of students in VCE English Language:

1. Students who are extremely weak in the subject **and** cannot follow any group discussion
2. Students who have finished all content in the subject **and** only need feedback on ACs/Essays

As you can see, Group Tutoring prevails in most circumstances. If you believe you fit into any of the above categories, we recommend enrolling in our **Scholars Program**.

How do you provide individualised feedback in Group Tutoring?

We are the **only** VCE English Language Tutor in the State to provide **Free** 1 on 1 consultations that students can book with a panel of dedicated Consultation Tutors (comprising past Raw 47-50 students) to receive feedback on ACs/Essays or any other relevant work. This allows us to provide an individual touch in the most efficient way possible.

How to receive the Raw 40 Study Score Guarantee? (Available in Units ¾)

We provide a **Raw 40 Study Score Guarantee** on the condition that you attend **every class** (either as recordings or in live sessions) in our Program and achieve an **average of over 80%** across all our Graded Module Assessments done throughout the year.

We will conduct 4 Graded Module Assessments – one for each Area of Study, before your SACs. They are to help you gauge where you stand relative to others in your cohort and for you to identify mistakes and areas for improvement.

If you meet our conditions for the Guarantee and still do not receive Raw 40, we will refund **all** your tuition fees.

Why pay in instalments (10 week period)?

We'd rather spend time marking your essays/ACs thoroughly than checking for transfer updates, chasing students for late payment every single week...

Your standards seem pretty stringent, I only want a Raw 30-40, will I feel too much pressure?

Regardless of your study score aims, we will tailor feedback and expectations to your individual goals and provide you with the assistance necessary to achieve your goals.

We are not only assisting A+ students to Raw 50s; we are helping struggling students gain a steady foothold in an otherwise extremely challenging subject so that you can achieve your highest potential.

Benefits of Zoom Lessons

Zoom lessons offer many features otherwise unattainable through regular face to face sessions.

1. Students are far more responsive in group discussions

Under the 'anonymity' of private messages on Zoom, many students previously 'too shy' to share their insights broke through the barrier and contributed vastly and positively to group discussions.

2. Better efficiency

Typing on screen is much faster than writing on the whiteboard. Lesson notes can be covered more quickly. Annotations of ACs and essays are much more convenient and aesthetic.

3. Greater interaction and classroom dynamics

When discussing essays/ACs, students can simply send their analysis/plan as messages which are displayed on screen, rather than necessarily saying out loud. This ensures that group discussions are easier to follow, and students can learn from others' mistakes/insights through a more dynamic and interactive manner.

4. Lessons are recorded and accessible for revision throughout the entire year

Lessons are readily available on Cloud/Drive for all students to access throughout the year for revision purposes. As opposed to attending the lesson in a face-to-face setting, Zoom lessons allow for re-watching of the lesson recording, consolidation of important concepts and catch ups with anything missed during the lesson. Students who attend Zoom lessons will be able to access the recorded lesson for revision purposes.

Available Discounts***

1. *Referral Discount*

Discounts apply to students who recommend our VCE English Language Program to their peers. For every friend you bring to our VCE English Language Program, you will enjoy a \$50 discount upon your first instalment, and your friend enjoys \$50 discount. This is a cumulative discount (more friends, more discount).

2. *Bulk payment Discount*

For payment in 20 lessons, there will be an extra 5% discount.

For payment in 43 lessons (entire course), there will be an extra 10% discount.

3. *Loyalty Discounts*

Students who have enrolled in the Units ½ Program are entitled to a 5% Loyalty discount over the **entire** course in our 2027 Units 3/4 Program.

4. *Multiple Subject Enrolment Discount*

VCE Excel Education also offers **VCE Chemistry & VCE Maths Methods** at Unit 1-4, as well as **UCAT**. Students who enrol with us for any of these subjects enjoys an additional 5% discount on **across all subjects** over the **entire** course.

For more information on our other subject offerings, please contact our Founder Harley Zhong directly.

2026 Lesson Schedule

Since SAC format is highly variable from year to year, this schedule is subject to change. We may or may not conduct lessons in the corresponding weeks. Each lesson may take up to 2 or sometimes 3 weeks to cover. This schedule is only a reference/guide. The entire course amounts to 43 lessons.

Module 1: Unit 1 AOS 1 (Nature and Functions of Language)

Lesson 1: Introduction to English Language

Lesson 2: Concept of Sociolinguistics – situational and cultural context (Part 1)

Lesson 3: Concept of Sociolinguistics – situational and cultural context (Part 2)

Lesson 4: Concept of Sociolinguistics – situational and cultural context (Part 3)

Lesson 5: Introduction to metalanguage: Subsystems Part 1

Lesson 6: Subsystems Part 2

Lesson 7: Subsystems Part 3

Lesson 8: Introduction to SAQ

Lesson 9: Guided SAQ Practice Part 1

Lesson 10: Guided SAQ Practice Part 2

Module 2: Unit 1 AOS 2 (Language acquisition)

Lesson 11: Introduction to language acquisition: Language acquisition Part 1

Lesson 12: Language acquisition Part 2

Lesson 13: Subsystems in Child language Part 1

Lesson 14: Subsystems in Child language Part 2

Lesson 15: Introduction to Essays

Lesson 16: Language acquisition Essays Part 1

Lesson 17: Language acquisition Essays Part 2

Lesson 18: Summary of Unit 1 – Guided exam analysis

Module 3: Unit 2 AOS 1 (English across time)

Lesson 19: Introduction to Standard English & linguist attitudes

Lesson 20: Introduction to 'Incursions' and 'Inventions' affecting language change

Lesson 21: Incursions Part 1

Lesson 22: Incursion Part 2

Lesson 23: Inventions Part 1

Lesson 24: Inventions Part 2

Lesson 25: Introduction to AC

Lesson 26: English across time AC Part 1

Lesson 27: English across time AC Part 2

Lesson 28: English across time Essays

Module 4: Unit 2 AOS 2 (Englishes in contact)

Lesson 29: Introduction to English as lingua franca

Lesson 30: English-based pidgins and creoles

Lesson 31: Language maintenance, shift and reclamation

Lesson 32: Englishes in contact Essay Part 1

Lesson 33: Englishes in contact Essay Part 2

Lesson 34: Unit 2 revision + Guided Exam Part 1

Lesson 35: Unit 2 revision + Guided Exam Part 2

Module 5: Headstart to Unit 3 AOS 1

Lesson 36: Introduction to Unit 3

Lesson 37: SAQ Workshop

Lesson 38: AC Workshop 1

Lesson 39: AC Workshop 2

Lesson 40: Introduction to Media Examples and Units 3/4 Essays Part 1

Lesson 41: Media Examples and Units 3/4 Essays Part 2