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2027 VCE English Language Units 3/4 Program

From 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 hundreds of 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 Group 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!

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Signature Group Program Features

- Effective 43-week Group Tutoring
- Regular provision (fortnightly/weekly) of contemporary media examples (essential for Section C: Essay)
- Practice SAQs, ACs, Essay prompts, weekly lesson notes and mock examination assessments
- Covering over 200+ essay topics, 50+ ACs over the entire year
- 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
- **Raw 40 Study Score Guarantee***
- **Free Weekly 1 on 1 consultations (out-of-class assistance)**
- **Unlimited Essay/AC/SAQ submissions with no extra charge**
- **VCE Excel Education Proprietary AI Media Example Finder – FREE monthly subscription for the full year (10 months), valued at $500**
- **Accelerated & Regular Streams – class pace and difficulty matched to your target study score**

In 2027, our VCE English Language Units ¾ 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!

<u>VCE Excel Education Proprietary AI Media Example Finder</u>

In VCE English Language Units 3/4, students are expected to gather 50-80 media examples over the course of the year, and to prepare around 20 essay paragraphs, each supported by at least two unique, non-overlapping examples. In our experience this is one of the heaviest burdens in the entire subject. Students who are unsure where to look – or what actually makes an example usable – routinely lose 100-150 hours a year to searching, and still end up with material that is too generic, too dated, or too thin to build an argument on.

To fix this, Harley and his team spent 2026 building an AI tool designed specifically for this subject. It searches for contemporary media examples and returns results that Harley approves at a rate of roughly **80%** – that is, in any single search, about four out of five of the examples it surfaces meet the standard he would put in front of a class.

Every student enrolled in the Program receives a **FREE monthly subscription** to a curated set of media examples, personally cherry-picked by Harley from the tool's output. The subscription runs for the full year (10 months) and is **valued at $500**. This is offered exclusively to VCE Excel Education

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students. For students who want to run their own searches on demand, the tool is also available directly through a separate paid subscription.

Accelerated & Regular Streams

From 2027, the Program will run in two streams, so that the pace and pitch of each class match the students in it.

Accelerated Stream – for students aiming for a **Raw 45+**. Classes move at a faster pace and are more rigorous, with a greater focus on SAC and exam strategy and on exercises. Weekly practice questions are set at genuine SAC/exam difficulty.

Regular Stream – for students aiming for a **Raw 35-45**. The emphasis is on consolidating foundations: metalanguage, expression, structure and analytical technique. The pace is set deliberately so that no student is left behind.

At the end of every 10 lessons, students may **switch** between the two streams. We understand that many students gain considerable confidence over the year and want to challenge themselves further – if that is you, you are very welcome to move up to the Accelerated Stream.

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2027 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 along your academic journey.

The 2027 Program features the following updates and improvements:

1. **Media Examples Compilation** (2019-2026)
2. More **Redesigned, refurbished** lesson notes tailored to the latest Study Design
3. **Past SAC walkthrough videos & notes** from numerous selective/private schools (available as recordings)
4. **Additional Module Assessments/Practice SAQs/ACs/Essays**
5. More **AC & Essay Workshops** in term holidays
6. Optimised efficiency in booking **Weekly Free 1 on 1 Consultations** for Feedback – available on Calendly
7. A larger team of **Raw 47-50 tutoring assistants** (hired and trained from past students of VCE Excel Education) to increase **feedback output, quality and efficiency**
8. NEW **VCE Excel Education Proprietary AI Media Example Finder** – with a **FREE monthly subscription** to Harley-approved media examples for the full year (10 months), **valued at $500**
9. NEW **Accelerated and Regular Streams**, so that class pace and difficulty are matched to your target study score

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2027 Lesson Details

Lesson length:

2 hours/week

Lesson fee:

In 2027, our VCE English Language Units 3/4 Program is offered in two streams:

1. Accelerated Stream (for those aiming for Raw 45+) - $130/week***

For students aiming for a **Raw 45+**. This includes the **2-hour weekly Group Class**, taught directly by Head Tutor Harley.

2. Regular Stream (for those aiming for Raw 35-45) - $125/week***

For students aiming for a **Raw 35-45**. This includes the **2-hour weekly Group Class**, taught directly by Head Tutor Harley.

*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 Balwyn Classroom (16 Porter Road, Balwyn VIC 3103)**
2. **Face to face Malvern East Classroom (92 Bowen St, Malvern East)**
3. **Face to face CBD Classroom (206/343 Little Collins St, Melbourne CBD)**
4. **All above sessions can be attended via Zoom*** (see Q&A section)**

Lesson Times:

Accelerated Stream (for those aiming for Raw 45+)

Saturday: 4:30-6:30pm (Balwyn in person or Zoom) – led by Harley

Regular Stream (for those aiming for Raw 35-45)

Sunday: 2:30-4:30pm (Malvern East in person or Zoom) – led by Harley

Sunday: 5:00-7:00pm (Malvern East in person or Zoom) – led by Harley

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CBD Essay SAC Class

Monday: 5:00-7:00pm (CBD in person or Zoom) – led by our Lead Tutor Sharissa. Commencing at the end of January 2027. This class is for students whose first SAC is the Essay: available to MacRob students from February 2027, then to all students from March 2027.

Note:

*1. For students who are also enrolled in our **VCE Chemistry Units 3/4 Program**, note that the VCE Chemistry Units 3/4 session on **Sunday 12:00-2:00pm** at Balwyn. Students taking both subjects may prefer one of the **Sunday** English Language sessions so that both subjects are completed on the same day.*
Please note the Chemistry session runs at Balwyn while the Sunday English Language sessions run at Malvern East; both are also available via Zoom.

*2. **MacRob students** are encouraged to attend the **Monday CBD session** in addition to their weekend session with Harley. This is because MacRob is one of the only schools in Victoria to have Essay as part of their first SAC. Most other schools have AC or SAQ as their first SAC.*

Essay SAC requires different preparation in terms of content and thus deserves its own group. If you are not from MacRob, but also have Essay SAC as SAC 1, you are also encouraged to join the same class as MacRob students.

In February 2027, the weekend classes will focus on AC/SAQ SAC preparation, while the Monday CBD class will focus on Essay SAC preparation. After March 2027 (when those students have completed their Essay SAC), the Monday class will be available for all students to join, as all classes will cover the same content for the rest of the course.

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Masterclass Program

In 2027, Harley will personally select **15-20 outstanding students** from the Accelerated Stream to form the **Masterclass**. This is an **invitation-only program**, offered **free of charge**, and designed exclusively for students who demonstrate exceptional potential.

Recognised as **Victoria's most elite VCE English Language program**, our Masterclass has an unparalleled track record: **over 90% of students score Raw 45+**, **25% achieve a Raw 50**, and the program consistently accounts for **Half of Victoria's Raw 50 perfect scorers**, with at least **two students receiving the Premier's Award** (the highest distinction among Raw 50s) **every year**.

Selection Process

- Eligibility is determined through a combination of **SAC performance**, our **Module Assessments**, and **classroom participation/observation**.
- Shortlisted students will be notified in **early August 2027** and invited to sit an **entry test**.
- Students who score in the **top 80%** of the **entry test** will be granted immediate entry into the Masterclass, commencing in **late August 2027**.
- Students who do not qualify directly may remain under **further examination and observation** before final decisions are made.

Program Expectations

- Masterclass members will attend these sessions **in addition to their regular classes**.
- Progress will be **closely monitored** through ongoing assessments.
- Students who do not maintain the program's rigorous standards may be asked to withdraw.

Important Notes

- Admission to the Masterclass is entirely at the discretion of **VCE Excel Education**, which reserves the right to accept or decline any student.
- This program is tailored to students aiming for **a Raw 50 or high 40s study score**. It is designed for only the most dedicated and high-achieving students.

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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 Harley Zhong's VCE English Language program? The answer is simple; you pay for his unparalleled dedication, erudition and skills which can be replicated by anyone… many students have followed your footsteps, under my tutelage, scoring Raw 50, 45+ 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, I 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, would 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 my tutelage, it's simple; though paying slightly higher, and you get much more.

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

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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 contacting our Founder **Harley Zhong** directly to discuss the most suitable arrangement.

How do you provide individualised feedback in Group Tutoring?

We are the **only** VCE English Language Tutoring in the State to provide **Free** 1 on 1 consultations that students can book with a panel of Expert Consultation Tutors (comprising past Raw 47-50 students) to receive feedback on their 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?

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 **over 80% on every 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.

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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 Google 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.

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Available Discounts***

1. *High scoring students are well rewarded*

Raw 50 + Premier's Award: $700 Cash Prize

Raw 50 (No Premier's Award): $500 Cash Prize

2. *Referral Discount*

Discounts apply to students who recommend our VCE English Language Program to their peers. For every friend you bring to our 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).

3. *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 **7%** discount.

4. *Loyalty Discounts*

Students who have enrolled in our **Units ½ VCE English Language Program in 2026** are entitled to a **5%** Loyalty discount over the **entire** course.

5. *Multiple Subject Enrolment Discount*

VCE Excel Education also offers **VCE Chemistry Units 3/4**, **VCE Maths Methods Units 3/4**, as well as **UCAT**. If you enrol with us for **VCE English Language Units 3/4**, you will receive **20% off VCE Chemistry Units 3/4**, **VCE Maths Methods Units 3/4** and **UCAT** for the **full year**.

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

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2027 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. This schedule is only a reference/guide. The entire course amounts to 43 lessons.

Module 1: Metalanguage Mastery (Completed in Headstart Program)

Lesson 1: The World of Words – Morphology, Lexicology, Semantics

Lesson 2: Sentences and beyond – Syntax, Written Discourse

Lesson 3: Sentences and beyond – Spoken Discourse

Lesson 4: The language of sounds – Phonetics, Phonology

Module 2: Unit 3 AOS 1

Lesson 5: Nature of Spoken Discourse

Lesson 6: Introduction to Unit 3 & Introduction to Informal Language

Lesson 7: Introduction to Section A - SAQ

Lesson 8: IFL SAQ guide on Spoken and Written discourse

Lesson 9: Introduction to Section B – AC

Lesson 10: Guide to Informal Written AC

Lesson 11: Guide to Informal Spoken AC

Lesson 12: SAC 1 Preparation

Lesson 13: SAC 1 Preparation

Lesson 14: Introduction to Section C – Essay

Lesson 15: Profanity + IFL Essay workshop

Lesson 16: Language and Technology: Textese & Netspeak + IFL Essay Workshop

Module 3: Unit 3 AOS 2

Lesson 17: Introduction to Formal Language + Hallmarks of Formal Language

Lesson 18: FL SAQ guide on Spoken and Written Discourse

Lesson 19: Guide to Formal Written AC + Guide to Formal Spoken AC

Lesson 20: FL AC + SAQ Workshop 1

Lesson 21: FL AC + SAQ Workshop 2

Lesson 22: Jargon

Lesson 23: Language and social purposes: Obfuscation, Doublespeak

Lesson 24: Language and social purposes: Euphemisms

Lesson 25: Language and social attitudes: Politeness, PC and face needs

Lesson 26: Language and social attitudes: Discriminatory language

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Lesson 27: FL Essay Workshop 1

Lesson 28: FL Essay Workshop 2

Module 4: Unit 4 AOS 1

Lesson 29: Introduction to Unit 4 + Introduction to Australian English

Lesson 30: Varieties of Australian English: SAE, Ethnolects & Aboriginal English

Lesson 31: Language Changes to AE

Lesson 32: Guide to AE SAQ + AC + AE & National Identity

Lesson 33: SAC Preparation: SAQ + AC Workshop

Lesson 34: AE Essay Workshop 1

Lesson 35: AE Essay Workshop 2

Module 5: Unit 4 AOS 2

Lesson 36: Introduction to Individual and Group Identities + Teenspeak & Neologisms

Lesson 37: Identity Essay Workshop 1 + SAC Preparation

Lesson 38: Identity Essay Workshop 2 + SAC Preparation

Lesson 39: Identity AC/SAQ Workshop + SAC Preparation

Module 6: Final Exam Workshop Analysis

Lesson 40: Exam Workshop 1 – SAQ + AC mastery

Lesson 41: Exam Workshop 2 – Essay mastery

Lesson 42: Exam Workshop 3: Approach & Strategy, SAQ/AC/Essay mastery

Lesson 43: Exam Workshop 4: Tricks, Traps & Predictions, SAQ/AC/Essay mastery

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