**What is Literacy all about?**
The purpose of this course is to enable the development of skills, knowledge and attributes in literacy that allow progression in the social contexts of:
- Family and social life
- Workplace and institutional settings
- Education and training settings
- Community and civic life

The four domains of literacy, which include reading, writing and communication skills, are focused on self-expression, practical purposes, knowledge and public debate. The purpose is to provide an applied real-life approach to literacy development. By developing these skills and attributes, we aim to give students a choice of pathways to the VCE, further vocational training or employment.

The literacy units allow for flexible and less traditional delivery to meet student needs at Year 11 and Year 12 levels. Students are required to demonstrate competency in each of the outcomes listed below.

**Areas of Study:**
The VCAL Literacy Units are integrated across the four strands of VCAL with tasks and activities further enhancing learning experiences in Numeracy and Personal Development / Work Related Skills.

**Learning Outcomes**
- Writing for Self-Expression  
  Reading for Self-Expression
- Writing for Practical Purposes  
  Reading for Practical Purposes
- Writing for Knowledge  
  Reading for Knowledge
- Writing for Public Debate  
  Reading for Public Debate

- Oracy for Knowledge
- Oracy for Self Expression
- Oracy for Practical Purposes
- Oracy for Exploring Issues and Problem Solving

**Type of Assessments in this subject:**
To provide for different learning styles and to recognise prior learning of students a variety of assessment methods include individual, pair or group assessment by:
- Teacher observation
- Physical demonstration/performing practical tasks
- Oral presentations
- Discussion/ debates
- Written text
- Students collect and maintain evidence of their learning in folios throughout the unit

**Key Skills developed through this area are:**
- Reading, Writing and Literacy Skills

**Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:**
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- TAFE / Vocational Education
- Employment

**Additional information:**
VCAL Literacy is only for students who are doing a VCAL certificate.