

## Summary of English Extension 1 HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for English Extension 1 are outlined below.

### ***Outline of HSC examination specifications***

A written examination of two hours plus 5 minutes reading time.

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Students answer two sustained response questions on their chosen elective, with an expected length of response for each one of around eight examination writing booklet pages (approximately 1000 words).	25 25
	<b>50</b>

### Changes from current examination specifications

The expected length for the sustained responses is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

### ***Outline of internal assessment requirements***

There will be two to three assessment tasks comprising the following components and weightings.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Knowledge and understanding of complex texts and of how and why they are valued	25
Skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• complex analysis</li><li>• sustained composition</li><li>• independent investigation</li></ul>	25
	<b>50</b>