

VCE English Language Mini-Method

The 2021 English Language Mini-Method provides an opportunity to hear from experienced EL teachers as they share their knowledge and expertise in implementing the English Language Study Design. Whether you are teaching EL for the first time or looking to enrich your understanding of the intricacies of the EL course, the EL Mini-Method is an excellent resource to prepare and enhance your teaching. The recordings of the 2021 English Language Mini-Method and presenter resources will be available to purchase from Term 1, 2022.

Presenters

Tracy Doig, Vermont Secondary College; **Luke Francis**, Melbourne Girls Grammar;
Natalie Gleeson, St Francis Xavier College; **Rebecca Swain**, Carey Baptist Grammar School.

Overview of the sessions (pre-recorded)

Session focus (2021 program)	Presenter
Unit 1: Language for communication Area of Study 1: The nature and functions of language Area of Study 2: Language acquisition	Tracy Doig
Unit 2: Language change Area of Study 1: English across time Area of Study 2: Englishes in contact	Luke Francis
Unit 3: Language for variation and social purpose Area of Study 1: Informal language Area of Study 2: Formal language	Natalie Gleeson
Unit 4: Language variation and identity Area of Study 1: Language variation in Australian society Area of Study 2: Individual and group identities	Rebecca Swain



Presenter profiles

Tarcy Doig

Tracy has been teaching English and English Language for 13 years at Vermont Secondary College. Originally from Wangaratta, but now located in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, she has been a VCAA assessor for more than ten years and a NAPLAN assessor as well. She is an experienced presenter and tutor with a keen interest in and enthusiasm for linguistics and sociolinguistics as well as YA fiction and children's literature.

Luke Francis

Luke majored in linguistics in his undergraduate degree and has been teaching English since 2006, specialising in VCE English Language. He has worked with teachers across the state of Victoria in the development and refinement of their English Language and English curricula; presented at numerous conferences, seminars, and English Language courses; in addition to having coordinated conferences and authored VATE's Inside Language for Units 1 and 2. Luke has presented as part of VATE's English Language Mini-Method since its inception, sharing his passion for grammar, language evolution, and all things linguistics.

Natalie Gleeson

Natalie (BA/BTeach, MEd) has taught VCE English and English Language in Victorian state and private secondary schools for over twenty years. She is a regular presenter for VATE in the subject of English Language and is an experienced VCAA assessor.

Rebecca Swain

Rebecca is a teacher of VCE English Language and English and IB Language and Literature at Carey Baptist Grammar School, where she is also the Learning, Research and Innovation Co-ordinator. Rebecca loves teaching VCE English Language, having first taught the course in 2008, and is a passionate advocate for the subject. She completed her Masters (Applied Linguistics) at Monash University in 2011 and was a member of the VCAA English Language Study Design Review Panel from 2010-2012. She was a co-creator of VATE's first Mini Method course in 2009 and has enjoyed supporting new and experienced teachers of English Language ever since. Rebecca is the author of VATE's Inside Language Units 3 & 4 guides and a co-writer of Insight Publication's English Language for Senior Students.



Cost and registration

Full program (Units 1-4): This includes **online** access to presenter notes and resources for the **full** Units 1-4 program. All prices are GST inclusive.

- Individual VATE member **\$600**
- Organisational VATE member **6725**
- Concession VATE member **\$575**

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