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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Other sources of information

The <u>VCE Bulletin</u> is the only official source of changes to regulations and accredited studies. The <u>VCE Bulletin</u>, including supplements, also regularly includes advice on VCE studies. It is the responsibility of each VCE teacher to refer to each issue of the <u>VCE Bulletin</u>.

To assist teachers in assessing school-assessed coursework in Units 3 and 4 the Board of Studies will publish annually an assessment guide which will include advice on the scope of the tasks and the criteria for assessment.

The *VCE Administrative Handbook* for the current year contains essential information on assessment and other procedures.

VCE providers

Throughout this study design the term 'school' is intended to include both schools and other VCE providers.

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Introduction

THE LANGUAGE

The language to be studied and assessed is the modern standard version of Romanian. The four main variations of Romanian – Moldavian, Muntenian (Walachian), Transylvanian and Banatian – differ slightly from standard Romanian, mainly through pronunciation and sometimes in their lexical components. These variations are acceptable. Use of the reformed spelling system is expected, with the correct use of \hat{a} instead of \hat{i} .

RATIONALE

The study of Romanian contributes to the overall education of students, particularly in the areas of communication, cross-cultural understanding, literacy and general knowledge. It provides access to the culture of Romanian-speaking countries and communities, and promotes understanding of different attitudes and values within the wider Australian community and beyond.

The study of Romanian develops students' ability to understand and use a language spoken in Romania as well as various other parts of the world where there are Romanian communities, such as the Republic of Moldova, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, the USA, Canada, Israel and Australia.

The study of Romanian also has a broader application in that the Latin origin of the language facilitates the learning of related languages such as French, Spanish and Italian.

Learning Romanian will enhance the cultural experience of students and will enrich and broaden their understanding of Romanian history, literature, art and of the Romanian community in Australia.

The ability to communicate in Romanian may, in conjunction with other skills, provide students with enhanced vocational opportunities in educational, commercial, diplomatic and cultural fields.

AIMS

This study is designed to enable students to:

- use Romanian to communicate with others;
- understand and appreciate the cultural contexts in which Romanian is used;
- understand their own culture(s) through the study of other cultures;
- understand language as a system;
- make connections between Romanian and English, and/or other languages;
- apply Romanian to work, further study, training or leisure.

INTRODUCTION

STRUCTURE

The study is made up of four units. Each unit is designed to enable students to achieve a set of outcomes. Each outcome is described in terms of the key knowledge and skills students are required to demonstrate.

ENTRY

Romanian is designed for students who will, typically, have studied Romanian for at least 400 hours at completion of Year 12. It is possible, however, that some students with less formal experience will also be able to meet the requirements successfully.

Students must undertake Unit 3 prior to undertaking Unit 4.

DURATION

Each unit involves at least 50 hours of scheduled classroom instruction.

CHANGES TO THE STUDY DESIGN

During its period of accreditation minor changes to the study will be notified in the *VCE Bulletin*. The *VCE Bulletin* is the only source of changes to regulations and accredited studies and it is the responsibility of each VCE teacher to monitor changes or advice about VCE studies published in the *VCE Bulletin*.

MONITORING FOR QUALITY

The Board of Studies will, from time to time, undertake an audit of Romanian to ensure that the study is being taught and assessed as accredited. Teachers must ensure that all records and samples of students' work are maintained and available should the study be subject to audit. The details of the audit procedures and requirements are published annually in the *VCE Administrative Handbook*. Schools will be notified during the teaching year of schools and studies to be audited.

SAFETY

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that duty of care is exercised in relation to the health and safety of all students undertaking this study.

USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In designing courses for this study teachers are encouraged to incorporate information technology in teaching and learning activities. The Advice for Teachers section provides specific examples of how information technology can be used in this study.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that all activities in this study are conducted within ethical guidelines. This is of particular concern in the use of information located on the World Wide Web.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPTION

Schools wishing to offer the Vocational Education and Training (VET) option should note that they will need to seek registration as a training provider, or to enter into an agreement with a registered training provider able to offer the module outcomes to students on their behalf. For further information, contact the Office of Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment (PETE).

The school-assessed coursework component of this study is designed to allow the integration of tasks required in Modules 2A and 2B of the *National TAFE Language Course* Stage One*. The outcomes for Module 2A relate most closely to Units 1 and 2; the outcomes for Module 2B relate most closely to Units 3 and 4.

The VCE coursework assessment tasks (including those required for the detailed study VET option) are sufficiently flexible for both the VCE outcomes and selected outcomes required for Modules 2A and 2B to be met. Examples of how this might be done are provided on pages 47–49.

Students who successfully meet all of the outcomes required for Module 2A will be eligible to receive from their registered provider a Certificate II in Applied Languages. Students who meet all of the outcomes required for Module 2B will be eligible to receive a Certificate III in Applied Languages.

It is important to note that there are significantly more outcomes to be met in both Modules 2A and 2B than in VCE Units 1 and 2, and in Units 3 and 4, respectively. Although there is considerable scope for several of the module outcomes to be incorporated into one VCE assessment task, it is possible that (unless the student has completed some of the module outcomes previously) a number of additional assessment tasks (beyond the eight required for VCE Units 1 and 2, and six required for VCE Units 3 and 4) will be required, if the student is to achieve them all for the purposes of VET certification.

Schools might therefore wish to consider incorporating outcomes from Module 2A into Year 10 programs as well as into VCE Unit 1, and outcomes from Module 2B into VCE Unit 2 tasks, in addition to tasks in Units 3 and 4.

No additional enrolment procedure is required for students wishing to follow this VET option. It is important to note, also, that students who successfully complete the outcomes for Modules 2A and/or 2B will not receive any additional credit for satisfactory completion of the VCE, or for the calculation of the ENTER.

^{*}National TAFE Language Course: Stage One; Generic Curriculum, ACTRAC Products, 1994, available from Australian Training Products (tel: 03 9630 9836)

Assessment and reporting

SATISFACTORY COMPLETION

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessment of the student's overall performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit. Designated assessment tasks are provided in the details for each unit. The Board of Studies will publish annually an assessment guide which will include advice on the scope of the assessment tasks and the criteria for assessment.

Teachers must develop courses that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate achievement of outcomes. Examples of learning activities are provided in the Advice for Teachers section.

Schools will report a result for each unit to the Board of Studies as S (Satisfactory) or N (Not Satisfactory).

Completion of a unit will be reported on the Statement of Results issued by the Board of Studies as S (Satisfactory) or N (Not Satisfactory). Schools may report additional information on levels of achievement.

AUTHENTICATION

Work related to the outcomes will be accepted only if the teacher can attest that, to the best of their knowledge, all unacknowledged work is the student's own. Teachers need to refer to the current year's *VCE Administrative Handbook* for authentication procedures, and should note that all assessment tasks for Units 3 and 4 should be conducted in class time and under supervision.

LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Units 1 and 2

Procedures for the assessment of levels of achievement in Units 1 and 2 are a matter for school decision. Assessment of levels of achievement for these units will not be reported to the Board of Studies. Schools may choose to report levels of achievement using grades, descriptive statements or other indicators.

Units 3 and 4

The Board of Studies will supervise the assessment of all students undertaking Units 3 and 4.

In Romanian the student's level of achievement will be determined by school-assessed coursework and two end-of-year examinations. Percentage contributions to the final assessment are as follows:

- Unit 3 school-assessed coursework: 25 per cent
- Unit 4 school-assessed coursework: 25 per cent
- Units 3 and 4 examinations: 50 per cent.

Areas of study

Units 1–4 Common areas of study

The areas of study for Romanian comprise themes and topics, grammar, text types, vocabulary and kinds of writing. They are common to all four units of the study, and they are designed to be drawn upon in an integrated way, as appropriate to the linguistic needs of the student, and the outcomes for the unit.

The themes and topics are the vehicle through which the student will demonstrate achievement of the outcomes, in the sense that they form the subject of the activities and tasks the student undertakes.

The grammar, vocabulary, text types and kinds of writing are linked, both to each other, and to the themes and topics. Together, as common areas of study, they add a further layer of definition to the knowledge and skills required for successful achievement of the outcomes.

The common areas of study have been selected to provide the opportunity for the student to build upon what is familiar, as well as develop knowledge and skills in new and more challenging areas.

THEMES, TOPICS AND SUB-TOPICS

There are three prescribed themes:

- · The individual
- The Romanian-speaking communities
- The changing world

These themes have a number of prescribed topics and suggested sub-topics. The placement of the topics under one or more of the three themes is intended to provide a particular perspective or perspectives for each of the topics. The suggested sub-topics expand on the topics, and are provided to guide the student and teacher as to how topics may be treated.

It is not expected that all topics will require the same amount of study time. The length of time and depth of treatment devoted to each topic will vary according to the outcomes being addressed, as well as the linguistic needs and interests of the student.

As well as acquiring the linguistic resources to function effectively as a non-specialist within all three themes, the student is required to undertake a detailed study in Units 3 and 4. This detailed study should relate to the prescribed themes and topics and be based on a selected sub-topic. For further details refer to pages 23 and 24.

PRESCRIBED THEMES AND TOPICS, AND SUGGESTED SUB-TOPICS

The individual	The Romanian-speaking communities	The changing world
 Personal identity For example, personal details and qualities, daily life, free time and leisure activities. 	• Lifestyles For example, daily life, traditions and celebrations, women in Romanian society, comparison of lifestyles in Romania and Australia.	Technology For example, technology in urban and rural society, impact on the workplace technology and globalisation.
 Relationships 		 Trade and tourism
For example, relationships with family and friends, social/sporting relationships, role in the community.	History Romania after the fall of communism, migration and settlement in Australia, December 1989.	For example, growth of tourism, interacting with visitors, positive and negative impact of tourism.
Education and aspirations		World of work
For example, school life, work experience, career plans, priorities for the future.	• Arts and entertainment For example, music and songs, media, literature, festivals (Cerbul de Aur).	For example, changing nature of work work and the family.
J	,	• Social issues
	Values For example, migration through personal accounts, changing traditions, maintenance of language and culture, contribution of the Romanian community to Australian society.	For example, the role of religion, challenges for youth, the environment, care of the aged.

Note: **Bold** = Prescribed themes, **Bold Italics** = Prescribed topics, **Italics** = Suggested sub-topics.

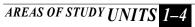
TEXT TYPES

The student will be expected to be familiar with the following text types. Text types indicated with an asterisk (*) are those which the student may be expected to produce in the external examination. Teachers may introduce the student to a wider range of text types in the course of their teaching and learning program.

Advertisement	Editorial	Play
Announcement	Folk tale/ballad	Poem
Article*	Informal/formal letter*	Postcard*
Autobiography	Interview	Recipe
Brochure	Invitation	Report*
Cartoon	Menu	Review*
Chart/table	Narrative account/story*	Song
Conversation*	Note/message*	Survey
Diary/journal entry*	Personal profile*	Text of a speech*
Discussion*		_

KINDS OF WRITING

The student is expected to be familiar with, and be able to produce the following five kinds of writing: personal, informative, persuasive, evaluative and imaginative.



VOCABULARY

While there is no prescribed vocabulary list, it is expected that the student will be familiar with a range of vocabulary and idioms relevant to the topics prescribed in the study design. Students should be encouraged to use dictionaries. It is expected that teachers will assist students to develop the necessary skills and confidence to use dictionaries effectively. Suitable editions are listed in the Resources section of this study design. Information on the use of dictionaries in the end-of-year written examination is provided on page 31.

GRAMMAR

The student is expected to recognise and use the following grammatical items:

verb	mood	
	indicative	Eu învăţ limba română.

tense

present Eu învăţ limba română.
perfect Eu am plecat la piaţă.
future Eu voi învăţa limba română.

imperfectCântam în ploaie.pluperfectPlecasem de mult.simple perfectStătui acasă și mă culcai.

imperative Fă-ți lecțiile!

subjunctive present
subjunctive perfect
conditional present
conditional perfect
subjunctive perfect
conditional present
conditional perfect
să fi trecut la lucruri mai importante.
Aş merge acasă, dacă aş avea voie.
Aş fi mers acasă, dacă aş fi avut voie.

infinitive A sluji este o onoare.
participle Parcă era făcut.
gerund Mergea șchiopătînd.
supine Avea mult de cusut.

voice

active Eu merg acasă.

passive Eu am fost invitată de Ion la acest bal

mascat.

reflexive Eu mă spăl pe cap. impersonal expressions Există multă invidie.

Plouă și ninge

modal A vrea, a trebui, a avea voie, a putea

person, number and agreement Româncele sunt fete frumoase.

Adverb positive rapid, bun, mic, mare, tare

comparative mai rapid, mai bun, mai mare, mai tare superlative cel mai rapid, cel mai bun, cel mai mare,

cel mai tare

adverbial phrases târâş-grăbiş, zi de zi, an de an

Adjective common adjectives mic, mare, interesant

degree

positive, comparative, superlative

agreement and position

mare, mai mare, cel mai mare

Cea mai frumoasă fată are note bune. Făt frumos din lacrimă era viteaz.

Noun Ana este elevă în clasa a Va. gender, number, case (all five)

Sora acestei eleve este colega noastră.

Oricărei eleve harnice îi place

disciplina.

Profesorii apreciază pe oricare elevă

harnică.

Elevo, ai rezolvat exercițiul.

infinitive used as noun A învăța este o plăcere. agreement, gender, number, case Marea surpriză a fost uitată.

Article definite, indefinite Copilul învață bine.

> demonstrative Un copil aduce bucurie în casă.

Cel, cea, cei, cele, celui, celei, celor

Pronoun personal, all cases eu,tu, pe mine, mie etc. El se spală pe cap.

reflexive

reinforcement pronoun Spui că l-ai văzut tu însuți? indefinite Unul era medic, altul muncitor. Acela este cel mai deștept. demonstrative interrogative Cui îi place ciocolata? Nimeni nu are nimic de zis. negative

possessive Caietul meu este alb.

relative Băiatul care doarme, este cel mai

inteligent din clasă.

Numeral cardinal and ordinal Unul este alb al doilea este negru.

> multiplicative, O dată am fost la circ. Treceau două câte două. distributive and adverbial Munca lui este îndoită. fractions and O treime din elevi erau absenți. decimals Douăzeci la sută din tineret

> > fumează.

Preposition Pe, peste, deasupra, de la, din pricina simple and compound

Conjunction simple and compound Când, fiindcă, dar, în consecință, prin

urmare

coordinating De vreme ce,din moment ce subordinating Am citit și apoi am mâncat.

M-am culcat, după ce am sosit acasă.

Interjection Ei, Doamne! Valeu ... maică! simple and compound

AREAS OF STUDY UNITS 1-4

Direct, indirect speech direct and indirect statement *Ce-ai cumpărat acolo?*

Ion a spus că vine mîine pe la noi.

Word order Cine bate la uşă?

Subject + atribut + predicat + complement direct + complement indirect + complement

circumstanțial

Type of clause subjective *Cine se scoală de dimineață departe*

ajunge.

predicative Întrebarea este ce va deveni Dan peste

câţiva ani.

attributive Omul care muncește este stimat de toată

lumea.

direct object Sprijină pe cel slab și nu uita ce grele

sunt începuturile de viață.

indirect object Mă tem că va veni ploaia.

adverbial – Oriunde privești se întind păduri de

brad.

place

time După ce apune soarele, se înserează

repede.

modal Dana merge cum poate.

cause Urechile mi se înroșiseră deoarece era

irig.

purpose Andrei s-a dus la pădure să culeagă

fragi.

conditional De treci codri de aramă, de departe vezi

albind.

concessive Ba chiar mă pârau și pe mine, deși îmi

vedeam de treabă.

Unit 1

AREAS OF STUDY

The areas of study common to Units 1–4 are detailed on pages 12–16 of this study design.

OUTCOMES

For this unit the student is required to demonstrate achievemen.

Outcome 1

On completion of this unit the student should be able to should be

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should nonst nowledge and skills to:

- initiate, maintain and close an exc.
- use a range of question and for.
- recognise and respond 's for in taking;
- self-correct/rephrage or up to maintain communication;
- communicate in a ge of text, , for example letter, fax, email and telephone as well as face-to-face:
- use approp s, pitch/spelling and punctuation;
- use appropriate non-al forms of communication, such as eye contact and handshake.

Outcor

On c if the student should be able to listen to, read and obtain information from wr. I the student should be able to listen to, read and obtain information from wr.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- apply knowledge of conventions of text types;
- identify key words, main points and supporting ideas;
- order, classify and link items from various parts of the text;



- apply knowledge of vocabulary and structures related to the topics studied;
- recognise common patterns of word formation, cognates, grammatical markers, and use these to infer meaning;
- convey gist and global understanding as well as items of specific detail;
- establish and confirm meaning through re-reading, using headings and diagrams, and referring to dictionaries.

Outcome 3

On completion of this unit the student should be able to produce sponse to a text focusing on real or imaginary experience.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate nowledge xills to:

- apply the conventions of relevant text types, for e ple w, ticle;
- use structures related to explaining, describing, can and menting on past, present and future events or experiences;
- use stylistic features, such as repetition a
- identify main ideas, events and sequer of act
- link ideas, events and characters;
- summarise, explain, compare and history stea, history, opinions, ideas, feelings and reactions;
- select and make use of relevant reach vaterals.
- provide personal comment ve ts of texts;
- respond appropriately for cor purpose and audience described.

ASSESSMENT

The award of satisfaction completes for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated ac' foutcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessing for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessing tudent's overall performance on assessment tasks designated dies will publish annually an assessment guide which will include advice of the designation of the design

The vow sear ills listed for each outcome should be used as a guide to course design and the develope in the develope and skills do not constitute a checklist and such an an answer of the search of the search outcomes. The elements of key showledge and skills should not be assessed separately.

Assessment tasks must be a part of the regular teaching and learning program and must not unduly add to the workload associated with that program. They must be completed in class and under supervision.

Demonstration of achievement of Outcomes 1, 2 and 3 must be based on the student's performance on a selection of assessment tasks. Teachers must ensure that tasks selected are of comparable scope and demand, and that over the course of the unit, all three outcomes are addressed. Tasks should also be selected to ensure that, over the course of the unit, both oral and written skills in Romanian are assessed. Therefore, if an oral task is selected to address Outcome 1, a written task should be selected to address Outcome 3, and vice versa.



A total of four tasks should be selected from those listed below.

Outcome 1:

• informal conversation

or

• reply to personal letter/email/fax.

Outcome 2:

• listen to spoken texts (e.g. conversations, interviews, to obtain information to complete notes, charts or tables in Romanie 'ish

and

• read written texts (e.g. extracts, advernotes, charts or tables in Romanian Eng.

Outcome 3:

oral presentation

or

review

or

article.

It is expected the sin Romanian to all assessment tasks that are selected to address Outcomes 1 and 2 the two tasks required for Outcome 2, one should require a response in Romanian 1 the other sponse in English.

Unit 2

AREAS OF STUDY

The areas of study common to Units 1–4 are detailed on pages 12–16 catudy design.

OUTCOMES

For this unit the student is required to demonstrate achievement of .

Outcome 1

On completion of this unit the student should be able to an an en or spoken exchange related to making arrangements and completing transaction

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should not wledge and skills to:

- use structures related to asking for or giver stance or advice, suggesting, explaining, agreeing and disagreeing;
- use fillers, affirming phrases and form, pressions related to negotiation/transaction;
- make arrangements and cor nsac.
- obtain and provide good vice public information;
- link and sequence ideas . arate clarity of expression in spoken or written form;
- initiate, maintain, c' et as ap, e, and close an exchange;
- use stance, gesture, al expression to enhance meaning and persuade;
- use examples and rea to support arguments, and to convince;
- respond copriately be context, purpose and audience described.

Outcor

On composition and interest of the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to, read, and extract and use information and interest in the student should be able to listen to the student should be able to list the s

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- apply the conventions of relevant text types such as a letter or a newspaper report;
- use vocabulary, structures and content related to topics studied;
- infer points of view, opinions and ideas;



- classify, compare and predict information and ideas;
- extract and reorganise information and ideas from one text type to another;
- appreciate cultural aspects critical to understanding the text.

Outcome 3

On completion of this unit the student should be able to give expression to real or imaginary experience in written or spoken form.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the know¹ and sk.

- apply the conventions of text types;
- use structures related to describing, recounting, narrative events or experiences;
- use a range of appropriate vocabulary and expressi
- structure writing to sequence main ideas and events ic
- use stylistic techniques such as repetition, qu' nd e. ons;
- vary language for audience, context and p

ASSESSMENT

The key knowledge and the development of learn and such an approarm desirable for determining achievement of outcomes. The elements of key knowledge and skills do not constitute a checklist desirable for determining achievement of outcomes. The elements of key knowledge and skills do not constitute a checklist desirable for determining achievement of outcomes. The

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A total of four tasks should be selected from those listed below.

Outcome 1:

• formal letter, or fax, or email

or

• role-play

or

• interview.

Outcome 2:

• listen to spoken texts (e.g. conversation dideas in a different text type

and

• read written texts (e.g. extracts, au rents, rents, rents) and reorganise information and ideas in a different text type.

Outcome 3:

· journal entry

or

personal account

or

• short story.

It is expered and the studies responds in Romanian to all assessment tasks selected.

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Units 3 and 4

AREAS OF STUDY

The areas of study common to Units 1–4 are detailed on pages 12–16 of this study design.

DETAILED STUDY

The student is required to undertake a detailed study during Units 3 and 4.

There are two options for detailed study: Language and culture through texts; Language and culture through VET.

The student will be expected to discuss their detailed study in Section 2, Discussion, of the Oral Examination.

Over the course of Units 3 and 4, approximately 15 hours of scheduled class time should be devoted to the detailed study.

The detailed study should be based on a sub-topic related to one or more of the prescribed topics listed in the table on page 13. The sub-topic may be drawn from this table, or a different sub-topic may be selected.

One sub-topic may be selected for a whole class or different sub-topics may be selected for individuals or groups of students. In the former case, it will be important to select a sub-topic that is sufficiently broad to accommodate a range of interests and perspectives, so that each student can provide an individual response to the coursework assessment task(s) set, as well as in the Discussion in Section 2 of the Oral Examination.

At least one and no more than two of the six coursework assessment tasks for school-assessed coursework should focus on the detailed study. The detailed study assessment task(s) should be designed to assess the student's understanding of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking community and should be selected from those required to assess achievement of Outcome 2, Unit 4 (detailed on page 30). The sub-topics and texts should also be selected to ensure the student is able to focus on the knowledge and skills associated with Outcome 2, Unit 4.

Language and culture through texts

The detailed study should enable the student to explore and compare aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking community through a range of oral and written texts related to the selected sub-topic. This will enable the student to develop knowledge and understanding of, for example, historical issues, aspects of contemporary society or the literary or artistic heritage of the community. The texts which form the basis of this study might include feature films, short films, short stories, songs, newspaper articles, electronic texts, documentaries, music, painting



and oral histories. The length of texts selected will vary depending on the type of text, its density and level of complexity. In order for the student to be able to explore their sub-topic in sufficient depth to meet the relevant outcomes, it is suggested that a range of at least three different kinds of text are selected. These might include aural and visual, as well as written texts.

Language and culture through VET

This detailed study allows the student to explore and compare aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian community through the study of outcomes drawn from Module 2B of the National TAFE Language Course, Stage One.

The sub-topic selected for this detailed study must allow for the incorporation of study related to Outcomes 14, 15, and one or more of Outcomes 2, 5 and 13 from module 2B of the National TAFE Language Course, Stage One. For further details of this course, refer to page 9.

Unit 3

AREAS OF STUDY

The areas of study common to Units 1–4 are detailed on pages 12–16 of this study design.

OUTCOMES

For this unit the student is required to demonstrate achievement of three outcomes.

Outcome 1

On completion of this unit the student should be able to express ideas through the production of original texts.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- use a range of relevant text types;
- create a personal or imaginative text focusing on an event or experience in the past, present or future;
- demonstrate knowledge of first- and third-person narrative perspectives;
- vary language for audience, context and purpose;
- organise and sequence ideas;
- simplify or paraphrase complex expressions;
- use simple stylistic techniques such as repetition, questions, exclamations or changes in tone, speed of delivery;
- select and make appropriate use of reference materials, including dictionaries.

Outcome 2

On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and use information from spoken texts.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- convey gist, identify main points, supporting points and detailed items of specific information;
- infer points of view, attitudes, emotions from context and/or choice of language and intonation;
- show knowledge and use of registers, and stylistic features such as repetition and tone.



Outcome 3

On completion of this unit the student should be able to exchange information, opinions and experiences.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- present and comment on factual information;
- use a range of question forms;
- exchange and justify opinions and ideas;
- ask for and give assistance or advice;
- use appropriate terms of address for familiar and unfamiliar audiences;
- self-correct/rephrase to maintain communication;
- describe and comment on aspects of past, present and future experience;
- link and sequence ideas and information.

ASSESSMENT

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessment of the student's overall performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit. The Board of Studies will publish annually an assessment guide which will include advice on the scope of the assessment tasks and the criteria for assessment.

The key knowledge and skills listed for each outcome should be used as a guide to course design and the development of learning activities. The key knowledge and skills do not constitute a checklist and such an approach is not necessary or desirable for determining achievement of outcomes. The elements of key knowledge and skills should not be assessed separately.

Assessment of levels of achievement

The student's level of achievement for Unit 3 will be determined by school-assessed coursework and two end-of-year examinations.

Contributions to final assessment

School-assessed coursework for Unit 3 will contribute 25 per cent to the final assessment.

The level of achievement for Units 3 and 4 will also be assessed by two end-of-year examinations, which will contribute 50 per cent to the final assessment.

School-assessed coursework

Teachers will provide to the Board of Studies a score representing an assessment of the student's level of achievement.

The score must be based on the teacher's rating of performance of each student on the tasks set out in the following table and in accordance with an assessment guide published annually by the Board of Studies. The assessment guide will also include advice on the scope of the tasks and the criteria for assessment.



Assessment tasks must be a part of the regular teaching and learning program and must not unduly add to the workload associated with that program. They must be completed in class time and under supervision.

Outcomes	Assessment tasks	Marks allocated*
Outcome 1 Express ideas through the production of original texts.	A 250-word personal or imaginative written piece.	20
Outcome 2 Analyse and use information from spoken texts.	A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.	10
Outcome 3 Exchange information, opinions and experiences.	A three- to four-minute role-play, focusing on the resolution of an issue	20
	Total marks	50

^{*} School-assessed coursework for Unit 3 contributes 25 per cent to the final assessment.

Unit 4

AREAS OF STUDY

The areas of study common to Units 1–4 are detailed on pages 12–16 of this study design.

OUTCOMES

For this unit the student is required to demonstrate achievement of two outcomes.

Outcome 1

On completion of this unit the student should be able to analyse and use information from written texts.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- show knowledge of and use a range of text types;
- understand and convey gist, identify main points, and extract and use information;
- infer points of view, attitudes, emotions from context and/or choice of language;
- summarise, interpret and evaluate information from texts;
- compare and contrast aspects of texts on a similar topic;
- · accurately convey understanding;
- show knowledge of and use simple stylistic features such as repetition and contrast;
- infer meaning from cognates, grammatical markers, and common patterns of word formation;
- appreciate cultural aspects critical to understanding the text.

Outcome 2

On completion of this unit the student should be able to respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking communities.

Key knowledge and skills

To achieve this outcome the student should demonstrate the knowledge and skills to:

- compare and contrast aspects of life in Romanian-speaking communities with those in Australia;
- identify and comment on culturally specific aspects of language, behaviour or attitude;
- present an opinion on an aspect of the culture associated with the language;
- identify similarities and differences between texts, and find evidence to support particular views;



- show an awareness that different social contexts require different types of language;
- select and make use of relevant reference materials.

ASSESSMENT

The award of satisfactory completion for a unit is based on a decision that the student has demonstrated achievement of the set of outcomes specified for the unit. This decision will be based on the teacher's assessment of the student's overall performance on assessment tasks designated for the unit. The Board of Studies will publish annually an assessment guide which will include advice on the scope of the assessment tasks and the criteria for assessment.

The key knowledge and skills listed for each outcome should be used as a guide to course design and the development of learning activities. The key knowledge and skills do not constitute a checklist and such an approach is not necessary or desirable for determining achievement of outcomes. The elements of key knowledge and skills should not be assessed separately.

Assessment of levels of achievement

The student's level of achievement for Unit 4 will be determined by school-assessed coursework and two end-of-year examinations.

Contributions to final assessment

School-assessed coursework for Unit 4 will contribute 25 per cent of the final assessment.

The level of achievement for Units 3 and 4 will also be assessed by two end-of-year examinations, which will contribute 50 per cent of the final assessment.

School-assessed coursework

Teachers will provide to the Board of Studies a score representing an assessment of the student's level of achievement.

The score must be based on the teacher's rating of performance of each student on the tasks set out in the following table and in accordance with an assessment guide published annually by the Board of Studies. The assessment guide will also include advice on the scope of the tasks and the criteria for assessment.

Assessment tasks must be a part of the regular teaching and learning program and must not unduly add to the workload associated with that program. They must be completed in class time and under supervision.



Outcomes	Assessment tasks	Marks allocated*
Outcome 1 Analyse and use information from written texts.	A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.	10
Outcome 2 Respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of the	A 250–300-word informative, persuasive or evaluative written response, for example report, comparison or review.	20
Romanian-speaking communities.	A three- to four-minute interview on an issue related to texts studied.	20
	Total marks	50

^{*} School-assessed coursework for Unit 4 contributes 25 per cent to the final assessment.

End-of-year examinations

The end-of-year examinations are:

- an oral examination
- a written examination.

Oral examination (approximately 15 minutes)

Purpose

The oral examination is designed primarily to assess the student's knowledge and skill in using spoken Romanian.

Specifications

The oral examination has two sections.

Section 1: Conversation (approximately 7 minutes)

The examination will begin with a conversation between the student and the assessor(s). It will consist of a general conversation about the student's personal world, for example school and home life, family and friends, interests and aspirations.

Section 2: Discussion (approximately 8 minutes)

Following the Conversation the student will indicate to the assessor(s) the sub-topic chosen for detailed study and, in no more than one minute, briefly introduce the main focus of their sub-topic, alerting assessors to any objects brought to support the Discussion. The focus of the Discussion will be to explore aspects of the language and culture of Romanian-speaking communities. The student will be expected to either make reference to texts studied or, if they have elected to follow the VET option, to discuss aspects of Outcomes 2, 5, 13, 14 or 15 from module 2B.

The student may support the Discussion with objects such as photographs, diagrams, and maps. Notes and cue cards are not permitted.

Written examination (3 hours including 10 minutes reading time)

The student may use monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in the written examination.



Section 1: Listening and responding

Purpose

Section 1 of the written examination is designed primarily to assess the student's knowledge and skill in analysing information from spoken texts.

The student will be expected to demonstrate understanding of general and specific information from spoken texts and respond in English in Part A and Romanian in Part B to questions on this information. The questions may require the student to identify information related to:

- the context, purpose and audience of the text;
- aspects of the language of the text, for example tone, register, knowledge of language structures.

Specifications

Section 1 of the written examination has two parts, Part A and Part B. The texts in both parts will be related to one or more of the prescribed themes.

The student hears five to seven texts in Romanian covering a number of text types. The total listening time for one reading of the texts without pauses will be approximately 7–8 minutes.

Some texts will be short, that is one reading of each text will be approximately 35–45 seconds. Some texts will be longer, that is one reading of each text will be approximately 90–120 seconds. Each text will be heard twice. There will be a pause between the first and second readings in which the student may take notes. The student will be given sufficient time after the second reading to complete responses.

The student will be expected to respond to a range of question types, such as completing a table, chart, list or form, or responding to a message, open-ended questions or multiple-choice items.

Part A

There will be two to four short texts, and one longer text.

Questions will be phrased in English for responses in English.

Part B

There will be one short text and one longer text.

Questions will be phrased in English and Romanian for responses in Romanian.

Section 2: Reading and responding

Purpose

Section 2 of the written examination is designed primarily to assess the student's knowledge and skill in analysing and responding to information from written texts.

In Part A the student will be required to demonstrate understanding of written texts. The student may be required to extract, summarise, and/or evaluate information from texts. If the texts are related, the student may be required to compare and/or contrast aspects of both.

In Part B the student will be expected to demonstrate understanding of a written text by responding in Romanian to information provided in a text.



Specifications

Section 2 of the written examination has two parts, Part A and Part B. The texts in both parts will be related to one or more of the prescribed themes.

Part A

The student will be required to read two texts in Romanian of 400–500 words in total. The texts will be different in style and purpose but may be related in subject matter or context.

Questions on the texts will be phrased in English for responses in English.

Part B

The student will be required to read a short text in Romanian of approximately 150 words, such as a letter, message, advertisement, or notice. The student will be required to respond to questions, statements, comments and/or other specific items provided in the written text. The task will specify a purpose, context and audience. The text type the student will be required to produce will be drawn from those listed for productive use on page 13.

The student will be expected to write a response of 150–200 words in Romanian. The task will be phrased in English and Romanian for a response in Romanian.

Section 3: Writing in Romanian

Purpose

Section 3 of the written examination is designed primarily to assess the student's ability to express ideas through the creation of original text in Romanian.

Specifications

The student will be required to write a text involving presentation of ideas and/or information and/or opinions. There will be a choice of two to four tasks. The tasks will be related to one or more of the prescribed themes. Tasks will accommodate a range of student interests and will be set to ensure that the student is provided with opportunities for producing different kinds of writing (informative, imaginative, persuasive, etc.) through, for example:

- having different purposes, audiences and contexts;
- requiring different text types (see table of text types for productive use).

The student will be required to write a response of 200–250 words in Romanian. The tasks will be phrased in English and Romanian for a response in Romanian.



SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT TASKS

The following tables provide an overview of outcomes and assessment tasks required for Units 1–4.

Outcomes and assessment tasks for Units 1 and 2

Outcomes	Unit 1 (4 tasks)	Outcomes	Unit 2 (4 tasks)
1 Establish and maintain a written or spoken exchange related to personal areas of experience.	Informal conversation. or Reply to personal letter/fax/ email.	Partinate III. sr exchange ig ar ngemene u ipler ansintions.	Formal letter/fax/email. or Role-play. or Interview.
2		2	
Listen to, read, and obtain information from written and spoken texts.	Listen to spoken * e.g. conversations, in. broadcasts) * obta informatior mplete notes, chart in more English. ts (e.g. ts, a sements, in information notes, charts or ta. english.	, read, and extract and e information and ideas from spoken and written texts.	Listen to spoken texts (e.g. conversations, interviews, broadcasts) and reorganise information and ideas in a different text type. and Read written texts (e.g. extracts, advertisements, letters) and reorganise information and ideas in a different text type.
		3	
Produce a 'al r' nonse to a textng ' or imagir ar'	al presentation. or Review. or Article.	Give expression to real or imaginary experience in written or spoken form.	Journal entry. or Personal account. or Short story.



Outcomes and coursework assessment tasks for Units 3 and 4

Outcomes	Unit 3 (3 tasks)	Outcomes	Unit 4 (3 tasks)
1		1	
Express ideas through the production of original texts.	A 250-word personal or imaginative written piece.	Analyse and use information from written texts.	A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.
2		2	
Analyse and use information from spoken texts.	A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.	Respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking communities.	A 250–300-word informative, persuasive or evaluative written response, for example report, comparison or review. and A three- to four-minute interview on an issue related to texts studied.
3			
Exchange information, opinions and experiences.	A three- to four-minute role- play, focusing on the resolution of an issue.		

Contribution of assessment tasks to study score

School-assessed coursework	%	End-of-year examinations	%
Unit 3		Oral examination	
250-word personal or imaginative written piece.	10	Conversation	12.5
Response to spoken texts.	5	Discussion	
Three- to four-minute role-play.	10		
Unit 4		Written examination	
Response to written texts.	5	Listening and responding Part A: Response in English Part B: Response in Romanian	10 5
250–300-word informative, persuasive or evaluative written piece.	10	Reading and responding Part A: Response in English Part B: Response in Romanian	10 5
Three- to four-minute interview.	10	Writing	7.5



Overall contribution of school-assessed coursework and end-of-year examinations	
Oral	32.5
Responding to spoken texts	20
Responding to written texts	20
Writing	27.5

Advice for teachers

DEVELOPING A COURSE

A course outlines the nature and sequence of teaching and learning necessary for students to demonstrate achievement of the set of outcomes for a unit. Outcomes are introduced by summary statements and are followed by the key knowledge and skills which relate to the outcomes.

It is recognised that the four macroskills of listening, reading, writing and speaking are elements that generally operate in an integrated way. Nevertheless, it is usually possible to identify a focus skill, or combination of skills that predominate in the performance of a particular task or activity. This approach is reflected in the organisation of the outcomes, and the key knowledge and skills associated with them. The overall balance of emphasis across the macroskills in assessment tasks is indicated in the table on page 35.

Teachers must develop courses that include appropriate learning activities to enable students to develop the knowledge and skills identified in the outcome statements in each unit. For Units 1 and 2, teachers must select assessment tasks from those provided. Tasks do not have to be lengthy to make a decision about student demonstration of achievement of an outcome.

In Units 3 and 4, assessment is more structured. For school-assessed coursework, assessment tasks are prescribed. The contribution that each task makes to the total school-assessed coursework is also stipulated.

METHODS

Any communicative teaching method or combination of methods which allows students to demonstrate achievement of the outcomes of the course is appropriate. Since the aims and outcomes emphasise communication, teaching methods should ensure that students are provided with a high level of appropriate input in the language, and are involved in activities which encourage purposeful language use.

Teachers should note, however, that the listing of vocabulary, grammatical structures, and other elements of language indicates that a focus on these is also a necessary part of students' preparation. Teachers themselves will judge at what points in their course such instruction will be needed.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

The idea of an organisational focus may be helpful in planning and sequencing learning activities and assessment tasks, and the content associated with them. Themes and topics can serve as effective organisational focuses for activities, as can a discourse form, a skill or a text.

USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In designing courses and developing learning activities for Romanian, teachers are encouraged to make use of applications of information technology and new learning technologies, such as computer-based learning, multimedia and the World Wide Web.

EXAMPLE OUTLINES

The example outlines which follow are not intended to represent fully worked courses, but illustrate one way of integrating areas of study, outcomes, learning activities and assessment tasks. They include suggested sub-topics for the detailed study, and an example of how VET and VCE outcomes and assessment tasks can be aligned. The examples that make use of information technology are identified by this icon ...

Unit 1

Theme

The individual

Topic

Relationships

Grammar

Nouns and adjectives, agreement and cases, present tense, simple perfect, relative pronouns, subordinate clauses and questions

Text types

Letter, personal profile, short story/poem, interview

Examples of le

conduct an interaction occurring on portance of the family

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letter and in which you talk about your relationships with them

and ican to a variety of texts on relationships and moare the views presented

Example assess

Outcome 1: Est on ken or written exc' areas of experience

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Outcome 3: Produce a personal response to a text focusing on real or imaginary experience.

Write a review of a text you have studied on relationships and explain why you believe/do not believe it would be a useful resource for all young people.

Unit 1

Theme

The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic

Lifestyles

Grammar

Future tense, subjunctive mood, adverbs, word order

Text types

Article, discussion, story, film

Examples of learning activities

listen to, discuss and answer questions on interviews presenting different views about Romanian lifestyles



using the Internet research and compare information about the standard of "mania and Australia

watch a docume am abou. Romania in the 20th century ar the main cts raised

read artir lating u g role of women in Romar unror the may use raised

rc + om o and explain how the author highing air s relating to lifestyles

Example assessment task

Outcome 2: Listen to, read and obtain into from written and spoken texts.

an article outlining the impact of women's changing role and list the main points made.

Unit 2

Theme

The changing world

Topic

Trade Juri

Gramma.

Modal verbs, p. ons and conjunctions

Text types

Video, webpage, brochure, article, conversation, report

Examples of learning activities



watch a video clip or visit an Internet site for information on tourist attractions in Romania; select one and prepare a short report



read articles on the experiences of exchange students and use the information to prepare a brochure providing useful advice

role-play a conversation with a travel agent in which you discuss and finalise a booking for a tour

listen to a radio interview and use the information to write a report on the importance of the tourism industry

Example assessment task

Outcome 1: Participate in a spoken or written exchange related to making arrangements and completing transactions.

Role-play a conversation with a Romanian travel agent in which you need to make amendments to a previously arranged itinerary.

Unit 2

Theme

The individual

Topic

Education and aspirations

Grammar

Passive and active voices, conjunctions

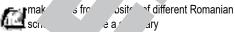
Text types

Article, notes, interview, brochure, summary, review

Examples of lear

discuss aspects r ol routine bjects

read/listen to texts as a nania and answer questions y features



s sin... differences between Romanian stralian so as the basis for an informative bro

view a fellow student about their future aspirations

ne Internet for selected occupations and note the skills required as the basis for a comparative review

Example assessment tas

Outcome 2: Lister and use information and use texts.

Read a magazine article and use the information to write a report on a specific aspect of school life in Romania.

Unit 2

Theme

The changing world

Topic

Technology

Grammar

Reflexive and impersonal expressions, future, numerals

Text types

Advertisement, article, report, debate, survey, letter

Examples of learning activities

read articles on the information revolution and give examples of its impact on daily life

take part in a debate foc and cons of the impact of information annology life

conduct a survey on control of the c

Example assessment task

Outcome 2: Listen to, read, and extractinformation and ideas from spoken at texts.

to a broadcast on courses in the field of mation technology and use the information to write an application to participate in a course.

Unit 2

Theme

The Romaniar kir commu

Topic

History

Grammar

Imperfect, pluperfect, adverbial phrases, infinities used as nouns

Text types

Timeline, report, journal entry, review

Examples of learning activities

complete a timeline of key events in relation to the history of migration to Australia



use the Internet to research and report on statistics related to migration over the past ten years for a selected area

read journal entries of migrants, and summarise key aspects



search the Internet for information on the Roman invasion of Romania as the basis for a report

write a review comparing aspects of migration, past and present

Example assessment task

Outcome 3: Give expression to real or imaginary experience in written or spoken form.

Write a short story focusing on an aspect of life in a new country.

Unit 3

Theme

The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic

Arts and entertainment

Grammar

Adjectives, comparison, direct and indirect speech

Text types

Article, summary, fairytale, interview, legend, myth

Examples of learning activities

read a selection of legends and myths and summarise common features

role-play an interview with a famous person from the entertainment world



read a fairytale and rewrite it in a contemporary setting

discuss the role of fairytales and their value for children today

Example assessment task

Outcome 2: Analyse and use information from spoken texts.

A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using the information requested.

Listen to an interview focusing on the role of stars and heroes in literature and entertainment. Use the information to write an informative article about the social role such people have played in the past and present.



Unit 3

Theme

The individual

Topic

Personal identity

Grammar

Conditional, supine, participle, interjections, agreement

Text types

Interview, advertisment, application, survey, notes, report

Examples of learning activities

listen to an interview about personal qualities and write about two which you think are essential

read an advertisement for a sports dieting/outreach course and apply in writing giving the necessary details

survey your class on how they spend their leisure time and take notes

using the Internet, collect and research leisure activities available to young people in Romania today

read articles on the ways in which young people interact with the local community and use the information to write a report

Example assessment task

Outcome 3: Exchange information, opinions and experiences.

A three- to four-minute role-play, focusing on the resolution of an issue.

Convince a representative of the local council of the need for more support for young people in an area related to leisure or community work.



Unit 3

Theme

The changing world

Topic

Social issues

Grammar

Pronouns, direct object clauses, subordinating prepositions

Text types

Survey, report, summary, interviews

Examples of learning activities

listen to interviews about the environment and respond to a quiz on the issues raised

conduct a survey on people's attitudes/practices concerning the environment, and present the results



using the Internet, search for information on major environmental issues in Romania and write a summary of your findings

select one environmental issue in Romania and write a report including causes, results and strategies put in place

Example assessment task

Outcome 1: Express ideas through the production of original texts.

A 250-word personal or imaginative written piece.

Write an article presenting a personal perspective on a major environmental issue, including your reasons for selecting this topic.



Unit 4

Theme

The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic

Values

Grammar

Adverbial phrases, indefinite pronouns, attributive clauses

Text types

Article, report, short story, song, review

Examples of learning activities

read articles about the importance of maintaining language and cultural identity and use the information to write a report

listen to a radio report about ways of maintaining the Romanian language and culture overseas, and take notes

listen to a Romanian song and discuss the content and values illustrated in the song

read a short story which embodies values important to Romanians and explain how the author makes this clear in a short review

Example assessment task

Outcome 2: Respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking communities.

A 250–300-word informative, persuasive, or evaluative written piece, for example report, comparison or review.

Write an article for a young people's magazine in which you argue for a particular strategy to improve the maintenance of the Romanian language and culture in Australia.

Unit 4

Theme

The changing world

Topic

Social issues

Grammar

Adverbial clauses (modal, place, time, cause)

Text types

Article, interview, statistics, advertisement, report

Examples of learning activities

read texts about the care of the aged and use the information to write an advertisement to raise funds for a local senior citizens' centre

listen to texts about caring for the elderly; write a report comparing life for the aged in Australia and Romania

write a short article for publication in your school magazine urging students to become involved in an activity to support the elderly

research population data and use the information as the basis for a report on the likely situation in ten years time

Example assessment tasks

Outcome 2: Respond critically to spoken and written texts which reflect aspects of the language and culture of the Romanian-speaking communities.

A three- to four-minute interview on an issue related to texts studied.

Looking after the aged is a key priority now and in the future. Discuss this issue in an interview. **Outcome 1:** Analyse and use information from written texts.

A response to specific questions, messages or instructions, extracting and using information requested.

Read texts on levels of care for the aged and use the information to write a report outlining the areas that need addressing and explaining why.

SUGGESTED SUB-TOPICS FOR DETAILED STUDY

The following topics and sub-topics have been broken down to include suggested areas that might form the focus of a detailed study. Teachers may wish to focus on one of these areas and expand it to include further areas, or they might choose to incorporate all areas, depending on how closely they can be linked.

Theme: The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic: History

Possible sub-topics for detailed study:

- Significant events and their impact.
- A historical period as viewed by a famous author.
- The role of women in a period of Romanian history.
- Bucharest, past and present.

Theme: The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic: Lifestyles

Possible sub-topics for detailed study:

- Changes in lifestyles and their impact.
- Women in Romanian society.
- Tradition and change in Romanian society.

Theme: The Romanian-speaking communities

Topic: Arts and entertainment

Possible sub-topics for detailed study:

- Cerbul de Aur festival and its contribution to Romanian music.
- Music, past and present.
- Bucharest in literature and film.
- A famous writer/singer/film-maker and their contribution and impact.

Theme: The changing world

Topic: Social issues

Possible sub-topics for detailed study:

- Environmental disasters in Romania: lessons for the future.
- The role of religion in Romania today.
- The contribution of the Romanian community to Australian society.

EXAMPLE OUTLINE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS INCORPORATING BOTH VET AND VCE OUTCOMES

The outline below is an example of how all the VET outcomes required for the National TAFE Language Course, Module 2B (Certificate 3 Applied Languages), can be aligned with VCE outcomes and assessment tasks for Units 2, 3 and 4.

VET Outcome 3: Enquire about courses at an educational institution.

and

VET Outcome 4: Enquire about housing at an educ at inst.

VCE Unit 2 Outcome 1: Formal letter.

Assessment task: You are thinking of in do ining course at a

of accomn, the campus.

VET Outcome 1: Section et a hospital/surgery/chemist

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VET Outcome 6: rite lank-you letter/thank someone over the phone

(6.3).

VCE Unit 2 Outcor. Read ten texts and reorganise the information and ideas

ifferent text type.

Assessr ask: A message has been left for you explaining that a guest due

to arrive at the hotel where you work has been taken ill in transit. Ring the local doctor and describe the condition of the patient, symptoms, and the information you have about their medical history. Seek advice on the best action to take

and thank them for their assistance.

VET Outcomes 11 and 12: Describe personality of people. Exchange information about

the area where you live.

VCE Unit 2 Outcome 2: Listen to spoken texts and reorganise information and ideas

in a different text type.

Assessment task: Listen to the interview conducted by the students' association

and write a report to be published in the students' magazine as advice for students intending to study overseas. Based on the information they provide, include details of the pros and cons of sharing accommodation, and the main things to look

for in good accommodation.

VET Outcome 1: Seek medical attention at a hospital/surgery/chemist

and (1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8).

VET Outcome 8: Hold a short conversation with one or more persons.

VCE Unit 3 Outcome 3: Three- to four-minute role-play focusing on the resolution of

an issue.

Assessment task: A member of the tour group has ' ing serious

headaches and you have made resolutions. In the local doctor. Assist your client to fill, run proceeding their symptoms. Clarify the resolution of the medicine prescribe them. As a stelly about the

possibilities of obtair se op on.

VET Outcome 5: Demonstrate 1 vled_b le education system in

and a Romaniar akii ''nnıy.
VET Outcome 9: Write a s' ''lc oı age.

VCE Unit 3 Outcome 1: 250-. "sona. ...

Assessment task: ou rece. .y returned from an exchange visit to a

n-speaking community. Write an article for your magazine focusing on your experiences of the school a Romanian-speaking community. Describe your view. I the structure, philosophy and attitude to school, the cts offered, level of achievement attained and aspects the school culture, such as discipline, uniform, staff, and

student relations.

Comprehend a simple, short conversation between two native

speakers.

VCE Unit 3 Outcome 2: Analyse and use information from spoken texts.

Assessment task: Listen to the radio interview on changing attitudes to education

in a Romanian-speaking community. Using the information provided, write a comparison between the situation for school leavers in Australia and a Romanian-speaking community.

VET Outcome 2: Demonstrate basic knowledge of medical practices and

and

sickness in a Romanian-speaking community.

VET Outcome 10: Read a short dialogue or passage.

VCE Unit 4 Outcome 1: Analyse and use information from writes.

Assessment task: Read the two articles related to he existing omanian-

speaking community. Using the In. in ided, write an article for a travel mag outlin. ajor features of health provision in a initial peaking community, and

provide key advice for the suri

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VET Outcome 13: Demonstrate Swledge of politics and government in

and a Ror n-spe, mmunity.

VET Outcomes 14,15: Develo, pecia, d language and cultural knowledge.

VCE Unit 4 Outcome 2: vord in Jrmative piece.

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VCE Unit 4 Outcom 2: to four-minute interview on an issue related to texts

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Assessment e an informative article in which you outline the

political figures currently prominent in a Romanian-speaking

community, and one or two recent issues or events.

There can only be real economic progress if the populace learns to look after itself, rather than relying on the state. Discuss

this issue in a three- to four-minute interview.

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES: MODULE 2B OF THE NATIONAL TAFE LANGUAGE COURSE (CERTIFICATE III, APPLIED LANGUAGES)

- 1. Seek medical attention at hospital/surgery/chemist.
- 2. Demonstrate basic knowledge of medical practices, health and sickness in C2.
- 3. Enquire about courses at an educational institution.
- 4. Enquire about housing at an educational institution.
- 5. Demonstrate basic knowledge of the educational system in C2.
- 6. Write a thank-you letter/thank someone over the phone.
- 7. Comprehend a simple short conversation between two native speakers.
- 8. Hold a short conversation with one or more persons.
- 9. Write a short dialogue, notes or messages or narrative passage.
- 10. Read a short dialogue or narrative passage.
- 11. Describe personality of people.
- 12. Exchange information about the area/suburb/state where you live.
- 13. Demonstrate basic knowledge of politics and government in C2.
- 14. Develop some specialised cultural knowledge.
- 15. Develop some specialised language knowledge.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF WRITING

The following descriptions outline the main characteristics of five different kinds of writing. They are intended as a guide only; students would not be expected to include all aspects in their writing.

Personal writing:

- Creates a sense of person/personality for the writer in the reader's mind.
- Establishes a relationship/intimacy/empathy between the writer and the reader.
- Usually employs first and/or second person; subjective; informal, familiar style/register; often includes emotive language.
- Emphasises ideas, opinions, feelings and impressions, rather than factual, objective information.
- Uses, in reflective writing, the act of writing to help the author understand and unravel his/ her own feelings or ideas.
- May, in certain contexts, use contracted language, such as is used in speech.

Imaginative writing:

- Manipulates the reader's response to the piece to create the desired impression or response; visual and/or emotional appeal.
- Usually creates a strong sense of context (physical surroundings and atmosphere) and situation.
- Normally includes description (person, place, emotion, atmosphere), so careful selection of language such as adjectives and adverbs (or their equivalents) are important.
- Uses techniques such as variation in sentence length, juxtaposition of different sentence lengths, careful control of structure and sequencing, to add to the overall effect by creating the desired atmosphere or conveying the required emotion.
- May break normal sequencing for added impact, such as in a flashback or in a final disclosure which puts a different interpretation on preceding passages.

Persuasive writing:

- Manipulates the reader's emotions and opinions in order to achieve a specific purpose, that is, to achieve a desired outcome or effect which is important to and selected by the writer.
- Is strongly influenced by the nature of the target audience in choosing the persuasive techniques to adopt; that is, the language (vocabulary, sentence structures, style/register), structure and sequencing of the piece are framed with the particular audience and purpose in mind.
- Requires choice of the best word (with the precise shade of meaning and overtones of approval/disapproval, virtue/vice etc.), so range of vocabulary and dictionary technique are important.
- Aims in certain instances (for example, advertisements) to keep the target audience unaware
 of being manipulated and adopts an appearance of objectivity and rationality by using indirect,
 subtle, secretive techniques; confidential, intimate, collaborative style and register.
- Sometimes uses exaggeration, extravagant language, and humour to create a conspiratorial relationship between the writer and the reader.
- Often uses the second person for direct address and appeal.
- Sometimes employs direct speech and questions to intensify the relationship with the audience.
- May use techniques such as the use of technical or scientific language and superlatives or quantitative statements to lend authority to the content.

Informative writing:

- Aims to convey information from the writer to the reader as clearly, comprehensively and accurately as possible.
- Usually uses objective style and impersonal expressions, although the writer may use an informal style to establish a relationship of 'friendly helper' with the reader.
- Normally has no particular point of view to convey; if a point of view is involved, the writing becomes either persuasive (aiming to convert the reader to a particular point of view or attitude in order to convince him or her to act or respond in a certain way) or evaluative (aiming to weigh two or more items/ideas in order to convince the reader rationally and objectively that a particular point of view is correct).
- Generally uses facts, examples, explanations, analogies and sometimes statistical information, quotations and references as evidence.
- Chooses language, structure and sequence to make the message clear and unambiguous, so the sequencing of information is usually logical and predictable.
- Probably uses few adjectives, adverbs and images, except as examples or analogies in explanation.

Evaluative writing:

- Aims to reach a conclusion acceptable to an intelligent, unbiased reader through the logical presentation and discussion of facts and ideas.
- Presents two or more important aspects of an issue or sides of an argument and discusses these rationally and objectively; using evidence to support the contrasting sides or alternatives.
- Uses objective style; appeals to reason not emotion; creation of an impression of balance and impartiality is essential.
- Often includes expressions of cause, consequence, opposition and concession.

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMON TEXT TYPES

The following general characteristics are provided as a guide. They are not intended to be definitive, but include some of the main features found in the written form of some of the more common text types.

Text types	Identifiable features
Advertisement	Topic/product name; content (factual and persuasive information); register; style; layout.
Article (magazine)	Title; content; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Article (newspaper)	Title; date; place; content; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Brochure/leaflet	Topic; content (factual and persuasive information); heading/sub-headings; register; style; layout.
Guide (tourist)	Topic; content (factual and persuasive information); heading/sub-headings; register; style; layout.
Instruction/recipe	Title/topic; structure; content (equipment, method); register; style; layout.
Invitation	Statement of invitation; detail of event (event, date, place, time etc.); details for responding; register; style; layout.
Journal entry	Date/place/time (as appropriate); structure (related to sequence of thought, events or importance); opening (often an evaluative comment); content; (information/reflection/evaluation); conclusion; register; style; layout.
Letter (business)	Address; date; reference number or equivalent; salutation; greeting; body (content); farewell; signing off (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Letter/postcard (social): family, friend, acquaintance	Address; date; salutation; greeting; body (content); farewell; signing off (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Letter (to the editor)	Salutation; structure (introduction, body, conclusion); content; signing off (pseudonym and/or fictional name and address), register; style; layout.
Message/email	Date; salutation; body (content); farewell; signing off; (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Profile	Title/heading; content (factual information); headings/sub-headings; register; style; layout.
Report (factual)	Topic; structure (introduction, body, conclusion); content; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Report (newspaper)	Title; date; place; content; byline (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Report (supporting recommendations)	Topic; structure (introduction body, conclusion); content; use of evidence; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Résumé	Title; content (factual information); register; style; layout.
Review/critique	Topic; structure; content; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.
Script (speech, report, sketch)	Title/topic; structure; content; register; style; layout.
Story, short story	Title/topic; structure; content; author (fictional name); register; style; layout.

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Courses must be developed within the framework of the study design: the areas of study, outcome statements, and key knowledge and skills.

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