

Geography

2 Units for each of Year 11 and Year 12 Board Developed Course	Exclusions: Nil		
<p>Course Description:</p> <p>Geography is an investigation of the world, which provides an accurate description and interpretation of the diverse character of the earth and its people. It is a key discipline through which students develop the ability to recognise and understand the environmental change and the interactions, which take place in our world.</p> <p>The course is divided between the study of physical and human geography. In the physical component the students will examine the links and patterns associated with the biophysical environments such as coastal ecosystems. An understanding of these factors will contribute to the students understanding of sustainable management. In the human component the students investigate human accomplishments. They will study the constraints, perceptions and impacts of these activities. They will also study how media and information technology influences the way people perceive and interact with their environment and form their attitudes towards sustainability.</p> <p>A range of geographical tools and skills are developed throughout the year in preparation for the HSC examination. Students also undertake fieldwork to investigate geographical processes.</p> <p>Geography is a life-long interest, stimulating a natural curiosity about how and why the world's people and their environments are so varied. There are four primary reasons why students should study Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography provides knowledge of the earth and helps people to plan and make decisions about the spatial dimensions of the world • Geography provides an intellectual challenge to reach a deeper understanding of the variable character of life on our planet • Students are well prepared to explore issues as informed citizens in a changing world • Students of Geography develop skills and understandings transferable and applicable to the world of work. 			
<p>Main Topics Covered:</p> <p>Year 11 Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biophysical Interactions 45% of course time • Global Challenges 45% of course time • The Senior Geography Project 10% of course time <p>Year 12 Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems at Risk 33% of course time • Urban Places 33% of course time • People and Economic Activity 33% of course time 			
<p>Particular Course Requirements:</p> <p>Students complete a Senior Geography Project (SGP) in the Preliminary Course and undertake 12 hours of fieldwork in both the Preliminary and HSC Courses.</p>			
Assessment: Year 12 Course Only			
External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
A three hour written examination	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of the course content 40 • Geographical tools and skills 20 • Geographical inquiry and research, including fieldwork 20 • Communication of geographical information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms 20 	
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