

Society and Culture

2 Units for each of Year 11 and Year 12 Board Developed Course	Exclusions: Nil		
<p>Course Description: The central goal of Society and Culture Stage 6 is the development of social and cultural literacy and a clear understanding of the interaction of persons, societies, cultures, environments and time. The influence of other aspects of societies and cultures – including power, authority, identity, gender, technologies and globalisation – is also central to the course.</p> <p>Society and Culture draws on cross-disciplinary concepts and social research methods from anthropology; communication; cultural and media studies; philosophy; social psychology; and sociology.</p> <p>Society and Culture has direct relevance to the immediate needs of students and to their future lives by enabling them to develop understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • themselves • their own society and culture • the societies and cultures of others. <p>Students are provided with essential concepts, skills, competencies and knowledge to encourage a process of independent thinking that can be used to explain patterns of behaviour, solve problems, and engage in and actively contribute to all levels of society. Students are also introduced to the social and cultural research methods commonly used in tertiary institutions. A large component of the HSC course is the Major Work (PIP) which requires extensive primary research and a drafting process.</p>			
<p>Main Topics Covered:</p> <p>Year 11 Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Social and Cultural World • Personal and Social Identity • Intercultural Communication <p>Year 12 Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Interest Project – externally assessed and worth 40% of total course mark. • Social and Cultural Continuity and Change <p>Depth Studies</p> <p>Two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular Culture • Belief Systems and Ideologies • Social Inclusion and Exclusion • Social Conformity and Nonconformity 			
<p>Particular Course Requirements: For the HSC course, a Personal Interest Project (PIP) of the students' choice of topic must be submitted and is worth 40% of the final HSC mark. The Year 11 course is a pre-requisite for the HSC course.</p>			
Assessment: Year 12 Course Only			
External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
Written examination (2 hours)	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of course content 	50
Personal Interest Project (PIP)	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and evaluation of social and cultural research methods • Communication of information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms 	30 20
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