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# SUBJECT:

# ANCIENT HISTORY

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**STATUS:**

**Authority Subject**

**CODE: AHI**

**COST:**

**TBA**

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

Ancient History is a fascinating area of study, rich in wonderful stories of human endeavour, achievement and disaster. The history of humankind from the very earliest times is part of everyone's heritage and the study of the subject or Ancient History ensures that this heritage is not lost. Through studying Ancient History, students should be more ready to cope with the present and influence the future.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

Over the two year course of study, students undertake a study of themes, these are:

- studies of archaeology,
- a study of pharaonic power in Egypt,
- changing practices in society and government in the Greek World,
- studies of the Roman republic and the impact of war and expansion,
- an independent research study focussing on the achievements and developments of human diversity in History.

Historical study is based on Inquiry: What happened? Why did it happen? Why did it happen then? In each study, students will identify an historical event or problem, investigate it and make judgements about it. Students will critically evaluate and comment on both primary and secondary sources {eg. diaries, letters, artefacts} and secondary sources {eg. texts, audiovisual and computer software} and will be encouraged and given the opportunity, to use computers in their study.

**ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES:**

In each semester, students must complete a combination of the following assessment items:

- one essay test (unseen question)
- one objective short answer test
- one multi-model task
- one response to stimulus test
- one research assignment (written and / or spoken)

Not all of these are assessed in each semester.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Excursions may be negotiated within the 2 year program which will incur relevant costs.

In 2010, Ancient History does not require students to have completed the Humanities course in Year 10, though it is an advantage if students have studied Ancient History in some capacity before.

