



HUMANITIES

Core Subject CODE: HUM

Humanities is the study of human behaviour and interaction in social, cultural, environmental, economic, and political contexts. Humanities provides a broad understanding of the world in which we live, and how people can participate as active and informed citizens with high-level skills needed for the 21st century.

In the Australian Curriculum, the humanities and social sciences learning area comprises of four subjects: History, Geography, Economics and Business, and Civics and Citizenship.

- History focuses on evidence, change and continuity, cause and effect, significance, empathy, perspectives, and contestability
- Geography focuses on place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale, and change
- Civics and Citizenship focuses on government and democracy, law and citizens, and citizenship, diversity and identity
- Economics and Business focuses on resource allocation and making choices, the business environment, consumer and financial literacy, work and work futures.

Through studying Humanities, students will develop the ability to question, think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively, make decisions and adapt to change. Students will be exposed to relevant content and skills drawn from the senior humanities subjects of Economics, Legal Studies, Geography, Modern and Ancient History.

COURSE STRUCTURE

In Year 10, students will undertake a semester in History and then elect to study either Geography or a combined Legal Studies/Economic course.

The History units investigate:

- Australia's involvement in WWII and the impact of the war on Australia and the wider world.
- How human rights and freedoms have been ignored, demanded or achieved in Australia and globally.

The Geography unit encompasses:

- Environmental challenges that will affect their future lives and how geography contributes to the study and management of those challenges.
- Examination of the human wellbeing; how it is measured and the causes of global differences between countries.

The Legal Studies/Economics unit includes:

- How Australia's democracy is defined and shaped by the global context
- Examining Australia's international roles and responsibilities within an international context
- Understanding decisions about the allocation of resources when considering Australia's economic position.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

Each semester will have a combination of two or three of the following:

- Short response test
- Response to stimulus – essay
- Inquiry based research task

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Excursions are a component of this program and may incur associated costs.