

Course: **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES**

2 Units for each Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course



Exclusions: Nil

Course Description:

Community and Family Studies is designed to develop in each student an understanding of the diverse nature and interdependence of families and communities, in relation to the changing nature of Australian society, with a view to enabling students to plan and manage resources effectively.

Major Topics Covered:

Preliminary Course

- **Resource Management:** focus includes basic concepts of resource management, communication, decision making and management processes
- **Individuals and groups:** focus includes the individual, group formation, leadership, managing conflict, well being
- **Families and Communities:** focus includes lifespan development, socialisation of children, change in families and communities, support networks

HSC Course

- **Research methodology:** This module builds upon introductory research opportunities integrated throughout the Preliminary course. It focuses on the processes of inquiry and research, allowing students to pursue an area of interest in an Independent Research Project.
- **Groups in Context:** focus on identifying groups with specific needs and researching community groups
- **Parenting and Caring:** focus on managing and caring responsibilities, relationships and support

HSC Option Modules (one of the following will be selected, indicative course time is 25%)

- Family and Societal Interactions
- Social Impact of Technology
- Individuals and work

Particular Course Requirements

As part of the HSC, students are required to complete an Independent Research Project (IRP)

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
A three hour written examination	100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Methodology• Groups in Context• Parenting and Caring• Option Module	25% 25% 25% 25%
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