

## Course: MODERN HISTORY



2 Units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:** Nil

### Who should choose Modern History?

Students with a love and curiosity for the past are encouraged to study Modern History. The subject caters for students of all ability levels.

### Why should you choose Modern History?

Modern History builds critical thinking skills, including analysing and weighing evidence and developing reasoned and evidence-based arguments. The knowledge, understanding and skills that students acquire through studying Modern History provide a firm foundation for further study, the world of work, active and informed citizenship, and for lifelong learning. It fosters a critical approach to understanding events, issues and interpretations as well as the effective communication of accounts conveying ideas, judgements and evidence.

### How will you learn in Modern History?

In Modern History, students will focus on developing and applying their understanding of methods and issues involved in the investigation of modern history. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a range of learning experiences, including collaborative investigations, debates, discussions, source analysis, independent research, extended response writing and wide-ranging ICT activities. Online learning tools will also be utilised, including Edrolo and Google Classroom.

### What do you learn about in Modern History?

The study of Modern History engages students in an investigation of the forces that have shaped the world, based on the analysis and interpretation of sources. It offers students the opportunity to investigate the possible motivations and actions of individuals and groups, and how they have shaped the world politically, culturally, economically and socially. Modern History stimulates students' curiosity and imagination, and enriches their appreciation of humanity by introducing them to a range of historical developments and experiences that have defined the modern world.

### Main Topics Covered:

Preliminary Course	HSC Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Investigating Modern History - The Nature of Modern History &amp; Case Studies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decolonisation in Indochina</li><li>The Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty</li></ul></li><li>Historical Investigation</li><li>The Shaping of the Modern World - World War I</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Core Study - Power and Authority in the Modern World, 1919-1946</li><li>National Study - Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-1941</li><li>Peace and Conflict - Conflict in Indochina, 1954-1979</li><li>Change in the Modern World - Civil Rights in the USA, 1945-1968</li></ul>

### Assessment HSC Course only:

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
A three hour written examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section I: Short answer, source-based questions</li><li>Section II: One extended response</li><li>Section III: One extended response</li><li>Section IV: A series of 3-4 questions ranging up to 15 marks</li></ul>	25 marks 25 marks 25 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Knowledge and understanding of course content</li><li>Historical skills in the analysis and evaluation of sources and interpretations</li><li>Historical inquiry and research</li><li>Communication of historical understanding in appropriate forms</li></ul>	40% 20% 20% 20%
	100 marks		100%