

Course: **SOCIETY AND CULTURE**

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course



Exclusions: Nil

Who should choose Society and Culture?

This course is ideal for students with a genuine interest in Sociology, which includes the study of personal development and the world around us. Students who are organised, determined and resourceful will perform well in this course. Students must also be prepared to conduct social research on particular topics and show the interaction of persons, society, culture, environment and time, which are the five fundamental concepts of the course.

Why should you choose Society and Culture?

Society and Culture will give students a better understanding of their immediate world and more broadly the world around them. Not only will you find it interesting, enjoyable and challenging, but the course will provide you with important skills in interpreting, understanding, observing and relating to other people and society as a whole. Society and Culture is extremely useful in any university course undertaken as it fits nicely into many different careers, for example; psychology, law, politics, anthropology, teaching, business, advertising, journalism, social work and many more. It compliments careers which involve communicating with other people and enriches social literacy.

How will you learn in Society and Culture?

Society and Culture is very different from what you do in other classrooms. Role plays, group assignments, social research, creative writing, debates, simulations, games and discussions are all activities you will carry out in Society and Culture. Students will complete a major project known as the Personal Interest Project (PIP) which commences at the end of Year 11 and will be submitted early Term 3 in Year 12. The PIP is worth 40% of the overall mark and will be marked externally by HSC markers. Information will be gathered by both primary and secondary resources. Therefore the final HSC examination will hold a weighting of 60%.

What do you learn about in Society and Culture?

Society and Culture is a subject that deals with everything around us. It's how we interact. It's who we are and our understanding and tolerance of others. It's conceptual in nature and involves the students stepping out of their comfort zone to explore and incorporate social research into their findings on any given topic. Society and Culture teaches our students how to think and find meaning in things they would not normally see.

Main Topics Covered:

Preliminary Course	HSC Course
1. The Social and Cultural World	1. Personal Interest Project
2. Personal and Social Identity	2. Social and Cultural Continuity and Change
3. Intercultural Communication	3. Belief Systems
	4. Social Conformity & Nonconformity

Particular Course Requirements:

You will be required to submit a Personal Interest Project as part of the HSC course

Assessment HSC Course only:

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
A two hour written examination	60 marks	Knowledge and understanding of course content	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multiple choiceDepth study short answerDepth study extended response		Application and evaluation of social and cultural research methodologies	30%
Personal Interest Project	40 marks	Communication of information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	20%
	100 marks		100%