

HUMAN SOCIETY & ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) – MANDATORY

By the end of Stage 5, students describe, explain and assess the historical forces and factors that shaped the modern world and Australia. They sequence and explain the significant patterns of continuity and change in the development of the modern world and Australia. They explain and analyse the motives and actions of past individuals and groups in the historical contexts that shaped the modern world and Australia. Students explain and analyse the causes and effects of events and developments in the modern world and Australia. Students explain the context for people's actions in the past. They explain the significance of events and developments from a range of perspectives. They explain different interpretations of the past and recognise the evidence used to support these interpretations.

Students sequence events and developments within a chronological framework, and identify relationships between events across different periods of time and places. When researching, students develop, evaluate and modify questions to frame an historical inquiry. They process, analyse and synthesise information from a range of primary and secondary sources and use it as evidence to answer inquiry questions. Students analyse sources to identify motivations, values and attitudes. When evaluating these sources, they analyse and draw conclusions about their usefulness, taking into account their origin, purpose and context. They develop and justify their own interpretations about the past. Students develop texts, particularly explanations and discussions, incorporating historical arguments. In developing these texts and organising and presenting their arguments, students use historical terms and concepts, evidence identified in sources and they reference these sources. Students will have undertaken a relevant site study either by visiting an actual site or through a virtual source.

Australian Geography

The following topics, which are mandatory studies for all students completing Stage 5, are completed in Years 9 and 10:

Year 9	Topic	What will Students learn about?
Geography	Investigating Australia Physical Environment	Australia's Unique Flora and Fauna, Natural disasters, Australian Landforms
Geography	Changing Australian Environments	Australian demographics, Types of Communities including the Indigenous community

Year 10	Topic	What will Students learn about?
Geography	Issues in Australian Environments	Coastal Management, Air Quality , Land and Water Management
Geography	Australia in its Regional and Global Contexts	Trade, Immigration, Human Rights and Australia's Population

