



ABORIGINAL STUDIES

Description

This course provides students with opportunities to learn about Aboriginal Peoples' relationship to the Land, Aboriginal heritage and identity. Through a historical examination of colonialism, racism and prejudice, legislation and policy, students study the course through the lens of national and international indigenous community experiences. Students demonstrate their understanding of research and inquiry methods through the major project.

Year 11 Topics: Aboriginality and the Land, Heritage and Identity, International Indigenous Community, Research and Inquiry Methods: Local Community Case Study.

Year 12 Topics: Social Justice and Human Rights - Global Perspective, Social Justice and Human Rights - Comparative Study, Aboriginality and the Land, Research and Inquiry Methods Major Project (This is a major work project).

Assessment

This course is assessed through a range of strategies including research, examinations and extended responses.

A major project accounts for 40% of the internal assessment.

The HSC Examination is three hours long. A significant component of assessment involves writing extended responses.

Additional Information

This course is a highly academic and rigorous course.

This course is recommended for students with good reading, writing and inquiry skills and can self-manage a large research inquiry task. Students need to be willing to work with the local Aboriginal Community and be up to date with current events.

In Year 11, students will have a day excursion to Staples Lookout and an overnight excursion to Yengo National Park.

To consolidate knowledge, skills and understanding in Aboriginal Studies, students should also consider studying Legal Studies, Studies of Religion II or Society and Culture.

Costs

Excursion costs are additional.

