SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Description

This course provides students with opportunities to develop social and cultural literacy and understand how interactions shape human behaviour. Drawing on cross-disciplinary concepts and social and cultural research methods, students undertake research in an area of particular interest to them and present their findings for external assessment in the Personal Interest Project (PIP).

Year 11 Topics: The Social and Cultural World, Personal and Social Identity, Intercultural Communications.

Year 12 Topics: Core - Personal Interest Project, Core - Social and Cultural Continuity and Change, Depth Studies (2 options): Popular Culture, Belief Systems and Ideologies, Social Inclusion and Exclusion, Social Conformity and Non Conformity.

Assessment

This course has a Major Work component. The Personal Interest Project (PIP) is worth 40% of their HSC assessment mark. This is a substantial document that requires students to complete a final written work of up to 5500 words. Major work checks are twice per term and it is expected that students maintain their progress when completing their PIP.

This course will have a two hour HSC Examination. 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 who have good writing skills, can do primary research, like facts and statistics, can do data analysis, enjoy working with primary and secondary sources and be up to date with current events.

This course also requires students to be confident in working in groups, discussing course content in class and regularly reflect on their own learning. Students should also consider studying 2 Unit English (Advanced or Standard), Studies of Religion II or Aboriginal Studies.

This is a highly academic and challenging course that will require students to maintain a committed approach to their studies. There is also a significant writing component to this course.

Costs

Excursion costs are additional.

NUMBER OF UNITS: 2   ATAR: YES   HSC EXAMINATION: COMPULSORY