

# GEOGRAPHY ELECTIVE

Geography Elective may be studied as a 100-hour course (Year 9 or 10) or as a 200-hour (Year 9 and 10) course in Stage 5.

## Course Description

The Geography Elective Course aims to further enhance a student's understanding of place and the relationships between people and their environments. This course enables students to become informed, responsible and active citizens.

## What students could learn about?

Topics studied in this course may include-

1. Physical Geography – the Geographical processes that form and transform the physical world;
2. Oceanography – the features and importance of the world's oceans and issues associated with them;
3. Primary Production – the patterns, functions and issues associated with primary production;
4. Global Citizenship – the role of informed, responsible and active global citizenship;
5. Australia's Neighbours – the environments of Australia's neighbours and specific geographical issues within the Asia-Pacific region;
6. Political Geography- The nature and distribution of political tensions and conflicts, and strategies towards effective resolutions;
7. Interactions and Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect – the factors responsible for causing variation in spatial patterns across a continent from one specific location to another e.g. Australia from Adelaide to Darwin.

## What will students learn to do?

Elective Geography provides a greater opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the world we live in. Students gain a greater understanding of the use of geographical tools and geographical research to build upon the skills learnt in mandatory studies. This course aims to promote students as informed citizens through a greater understanding of the world around them.

## Record of Student Achievement (RoSA)

Satisfactory completion of 100 or 200 hours of study in Elective Geography during Stage 5 (Year 9 and/or 10) will be recorded with a grade on the student's NESA Record of School Achievement.