

# Society and Culture

## COURSE DETAILS

Hours	240 hours
Type	Board Developed Course
Duration	2 years
Unit Value	2-unit Year 11 2-unit Year 12
HSC Exam	Yes
ATAR	Yes
Exclusions	Nil
RECOGNITION	HSC Qualification

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Society and Culture is concerned with the way society acts on the individual and the way an individual influences society.

Students will study the culture and ideas of other societies as well as their own. Society and Culture draws on the skills and knowledge of a wide range of areas including anthropology, social research, philosophy and media studies. Students use these skills and knowledge to develop an understanding of other cultures and an appreciation of Australia's multi-cultural society.

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## AIMS

The aim of Society and Culture Stage 6 is to develop a student's knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes essential to achieving social and cultural literacy by examining the interactions between persons, societies, cultures and environments across time.

## POTENTIAL CAREERS / REASONS TO CHOOSE COURSE

Society and Culture prepares students for almost any area of tertiary study or career but is particularly relevant for jobs in areas such as: psychology, journalism, politics, media, public relations, hospitality, management, social work, education and social services.

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## YEAR 11 COURSE OUTCOMES (from NESA)

- P1 describes the interaction between persons, societies, cultures and environments across time
- P2 identifies and describes relationships within and between social and cultural groups
- P3 describes cultural diversity and commonality within societies and cultures
- P4 explains continuity and change, and their implications for societies and cultures
- P5 investigates power, authority, gender and technology and describes their influence on decision making and participation in society
- P6 differentiates between and applies the methodologies of social and cultural research
- P7 applies appropriate language and concepts associated with society and culture
- P8 selects, organises and considers information and sources for usefulness, validity and bias.
- P9 plans an investigation and analyses information from a variety of perspectives and sources
- P10 communicates information ideas and issues using appropriate written, oral and graphic forms
- P11 works independently and in groups to achieve appropriate goals in set timelines

## TOPICS COVERED

### Year 11 Course

Students gain an understanding of the social and cultural literacy and a clear understanding of the interaction of persons, societies, cultures, environments and time.

Topics include:

- The Social and Cultural World
- Personal and Social Identity
- Intercultural Communication

### Year 12 Course

- Personal Interest Project
- Social & Cultural Continuity and Change
- Two Depth Studies from the following:
  - Popular Culture
  - Belief Systems and Ideologies
  - Social Inclusion and Exclusion
  - Social Conformity and Nonconformity

### Particular Course Requirements

The Year 12 course requires the completion of a Personal Interest Project (PIP) which is marked externally. The final HSC mark consists of a written paper worth 60 marks and the Personal Interest Project worth 40 marks.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment strategies may include:

- Examinations
- Research project
- Written Tasks
- Oral presentations
- Class tests