Humanities & Social Sciences (HASS)

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Subject Overview:

HASS is aimed at preparing young people to understand and cope with a rapidly changing world. Students are given tasks to equip them with the knowledge, skills and understanding about our environment and our community from a cultural, historical, geographical, economic and social viewpoint. Our courses aim to help students to value and care for “Planet Earth”, become individual and critical thinkers and creative problem solvers through the teaching areas of Geography, History, Business Education and Civics and Citizenship.

Middle School Pathway:

In Years 8 and 9 we aim to teach students aspects of the National Curriculum particularly History and Geography. These curricula provide students with a range of activities including:

- Investigative and group activities
- Problem solving tasks
- Evaluation of past and present cultures
- Environmental issues in mining, aquaculture, urban development
- Valued and authentic assessment of learning

Students who continue with a LOTE program in Year 9 will integrate HASS and LOTE through a full year course.

Senior School Pathway:

At Year 10 – Students complete a compulsory semester of either History or Geography. They may choose the other subject as a study option in Year 10.

At Stage 1 - All subjects are semester length and follow the SACE Subject Guidelines for History, Geography, Tourism, Legal Studies and Aboriginal Studies. Please refer to the SACE documents for full outlines of these courses. The Society & Environment subjects are all Group One subjects.

At Stage 2 - We offer full year subjects – History, Legal Studies and Tourism. Whilst it is always advisable, it is not essential that students study the Stage 1 subjects before attempting Stage 2. Please refer to the SACE guidelines for the full outline of these subjects.

Post School Pathways:

Further Education: TAFE, University, Traineeships, Apprenticeships.

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