HUMANITIES (History, Geography, Economics and Civics)

STATUS:	CORE SUBJECT
COURSE OVERVIEW:	 This subject challenges students to learn and understand how the life experiences of people are linked to the social, cultural, economic, political and environmental relationships that characterise communities and different places and times. Year 9 students will engage in content and inquiry skills from the National Curriculum for History. Students will study: Perspectives, influences and events past and present in Australian, Asia-Pacific and global contexts Natural and built environments within a context of sustainability Australian culture, heritage and traditions including the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Legal, ethical and political systems within the local, national, regional and global contexts.
COURSE OUTLINE:	 In Year 9 students will study a range of Humanities Units. These units will engage and challenge students to develop research, decision making, teamwork and presentation skills and facilitate their development as active and informed citizens of a democracy. Class and assessment tasks will incorporate ICTs wherever possible. Units will include: Making a Nation (National History Unit) World War One (National History Unit) Biomes and Food Security (National Geography Unit) Geographies of Interconnections (National Geography Unit)
COURSE ASSESSMENT:	Students will complete assessment tasks under a variety of conditions including but not limited to exams, assignments, orals, reports, essays and group work.
STUDY REQUIREMENTS:	1 hour/week Research assignments require 3-4 hours research outside school time.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	BYOX program Access to internet and computer at school and at home to research.
POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS:	Journalist (including new media) Law Education Government / Politics Business Research Park Ranger
PARENT/CARER SUPPORT:	Encourage children to read widely. Discuss current events and affairs as a family. Monitor homework and study habits.