

Aquatic Practices

Applied senior subject

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Aquatic Practices provides opportunities for students to explore, experience and learn practical skills and knowledge valued in aquatic workplaces and other settings.

Students gain insight into the management of aquatic regions and their ecological and environmental systems, helping them to position themselves within a long and sustainable tradition of custodianship.

Students have opportunities to learn in, through and about aquatic workplaces, events and other related activities. Additional learning links to an understanding of the employment, study and recreational opportunities associated with communities who visit, live or work on and around our waterways.

Pathways

A course of study in Aquatic Practices can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of recreation, tourism, fishing and aquaculture. The subject also provides a basis for participating in and contributing to community associations, events and activities, such as yacht and sailing club races and competitions and boating shows.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- describe concepts and ideas in aquatic contexts
- explain concepts and ideas in aquatic contexts
- demonstrate skills in aquatic contexts
- analyse information, situations and relationships in aquatic contexts
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills in aquatic contexts
- use language conventions and features appropriate to aquatic contexts to communicate ideas and information, according to purpose
- generate plans and procedures for activities in aquatic contexts
- evaluate the safety and effectiveness of activities in aquatic contexts
- make recommendations for activities in aquatic contexts.

Structure

The Aquatic Practices course is designed around:

- the four areas of study with the core topics for ‘Safety and management practices’ embedded in each of the four areas of study
- schools determine whether to include elective topics in a course of study.

Areas of study	Core topics	Elective topics
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental conditions • Ecosystems • Conservation and sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen science
Recreational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering the aquatic environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic activities
Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture, aquaponics and aquariums • Boat building and marine engineering
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural understandings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical understandings
Safety and management practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation, rules and regulations for aquatic environments • Equipment maintenance and operations • First aid and safety • Management practices 	—

Assessment

For Aquatic Practices, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student’s exit result, and consists of four instruments, including no more than two assessment instruments from any one technique.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Examination	Performance
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students’ own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.	A technique that assesses physical demonstrations as outcomes of applying a range of cognitive, technical and physical skills.
At least two different components from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time • product: continuous class time. 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60–90 minutes • 50–250 words per item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performance: continuous class time to develop and practice the performance.