

GEOGRAPHY

STATUS:	Geography is an academically rigorous subject that will prepare students for Year 11 and Year 12. Teachers will advise if this option is suitable.
COURSE OVERVIEW:	<p>Geography is the study of the human and physical characteristics of places and the interactions between them. It is a rich and complex discipline, which includes two vital dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The special dimension (where things are and why they are there) ▪ The ecological dimension (how humans interact with environments) <p>Geographers develop and design plans that can enhance the spatial arrangements or management of places in socially just, democratic and peaceful ways. In geography students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand Australia's geography ▪ Gain a sense of Australia's national identity and place in the world ▪ Develop an understanding of the questions, issues and problems arising from human perceptions and use of the earth's resources ▪ Become proficient in the process of geographical investigation and the appropriate organization of information ▪ Develop a concern for the sustainability of the environment and the quality of human life.
COURSE OUTLINE:	In Year 10 Geography at Meridan, students develop the ability to analyse and explain increasingly complex spatial associations and interactions of systems and human activities in Australia and in other parts of the world. In Semester One, students will study the units River Basin and Coastal Erosion. Second semester units will consist of Spatial Inequalities and Australia's role in Global Well Being. Students will participate in one field trip.
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. There is a particularly emphasis on using I.T. in relation to spatial technology.
STUDY REQUIREMENTS:	1 hour/week 6-8 hours for research assignments (outside school time)
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:	Access to computer and internet (BYOX) in class and at home
POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS:	Town Planning Environmental Officer / Consultant Mining Law Education Government/Politics Business Research Park Ranger
PARENT/CARER SUPPORT:	Encourage children to read widely Encourage children to Watch ABC and SBS World news. Monitor homework and study habits