

# HISTORY

<b>STATUS:</b>	<b>ELECTIVE:</b> History is an academically rigorous subject that will prepare students for Year 11 and Year 12. Teachers will advise if this option is suitable.
<b>COURSE OVERVIEW:</b>	<p>History is the study of humanity's past, from ancient times to the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is also a study of people, societies, cultures, events and ideas of this time period. The 'Historical Method' taught in Year 10 is a process that uses sources and other evidence to test hypotheses, develop interpretations and draw conclusions. Thus it provides a basis for the thinking skills sought after and used in many professional working environments.</p> <p>Students study four units of history, two of which are from the National Curriculum and two of which are Ancient History based.</p> <p>Students will attend the Abbey Museum in Semester One.</p> <p>History at Meridan allows students to enquire into more specialised historical topics based on the "big ideas" of history.</p> <p>It places student inquiry at the centre of the learning used to investigate these topics and makes students aware that they can create their own views and make their own decisions about people, societies, cultures, events and ideas.</p>
<b>COURSE OUTLINE:</b>	<p>In Year 10 students will study <b>units</b> which will provide grounding for those wishing to continue with either Modern or Ancient History in year 11 and 12. The focus for these units will start with, Modern History units on World War II and Civil Rights and finish with <b>archaeology</b>. 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. History is a yearlong course. It has been proven as ideal preparation for success in the senior years due to the research and referencing skills developed which, is highly developed at universities.</p>
<b>COURSE ASSESSMENT:</b>	<p>Students will complete assessment tasks under a variety of conditions including but not limited to exams, assignments, orals, reports, essays, multi-modal presentations and group work.</p>
<b>STUDY REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<p>1 hour/week 6-8 hours Research assignments (outside school time)</p>
<b>SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<p>Students require access to computer and internet (BYOX) at school and at home to complete research.</p>
<b>POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS:</b>	<p>Journalism Law Anthropology Archaeology Education Police Officer Business Research Criminology/forensics</p>
<b>PARENT/CARER SUPPORT:</b>	<p>Encourage children to read widely Discuss current events and affairs as a family Monitor homework and study habits</p>