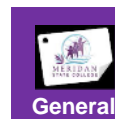


Geography

General senior subject – GEG (possible 4 QCE credits)



Geography focuses on the significance of 'place' and 'space' in understanding our world. Students engage in a range of learning experiences that develop their geographical skills and thinking through the exploration of geographical challenges and their effects on people, places and the environment.

Students investigate places in Australia and across the globe to observe and measure spatial, environmental, economic, political, social and cultural factors. They interpret global concerns and challenges including responding to risk in hazard zones, planning sustainable places, managing land cover transformations and planning for population change. They develop an understanding of the complexities involved in sustainable planning and management practices.

Students observe, gather, organise, analyse and present data and information across a range of scales. They engage in real-world applications of geographical skills and thinking, including the collection and representation of data.

Pathways

A course of study in Geography can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of urban and environmental design, planning and management; biological and environmental science; conservation and land management; emergency response and hazard management; oceanography, surveying, global security, economics, business, law, engineering, architecture, information technology, and science.

Objectives

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

- explain geographical processes
- comprehend geographic patterns
- analyse geographical data and information
- apply geographical understanding
- synthesise information from the analysis to propose action
- communicate geographical understanding.

Structure

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Responding to risk and vulnerability in hazard zones <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural hazard zones• Ecological hazard zones	Planning sustainable places <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responding to challenges facing a place in Australia• Managing the challenges facing a megacity	Responding to land cover transformations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land cover transformations and climate change• Responding to local land cover transformations	Managing population change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Population challenges in Australia• Global population change

Assessment

In Units 1 and 2 students will complete formative assessment items including a combination response examination, an investigative field report, a data report and a combination response in examination.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): • Examination — combination response	25%	Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3): • Investigation — data report	25%
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): • Investigation — field report	25%	Summative external assessment (EA): • Examination — combination response	25%

Additional Requirements

Study Requirements	Special Requirements
<p>This is a research based General subject and will require significant commitment of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three lessons per week face to face • Individual study 1-2 hours per week to complete homework • Individual time will be required to complete research assessment • 2 field excursions throughout the course of study are mandated by the syllabus assessment requirements 	<p>Students need to have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet at home/local library • Computer at home and school <p>Students need to have good reading, comprehension, writing and analytical skills and are expected to read widely and keep abreast of current events/news.</p>