Geography

General Senior Subject



School Code	GEG				
Year Level	11 & 12	QCE Credits	4		
Subject Type	General Subject	VET Contribution	N/A		
Recommended Academic Performance	English—C Standard Humanities/Geography—B Standard				
21 st Century Skills	Critical thinking ICT Skills Creatily Thinking				

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 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

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Structure:

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Responding to risk and vulnerability in hazard zones Natural hazard zones Ecological hazard zones	Planning sustainable places Responding to challenges facing a place in Australia Managing the challenges facing a megacity	Responding to land cover transformations • Land cover transformations and climate change • Responding to local land cover transformations	Managing population change Population challenges in Australia Global population change

Assessment:

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

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

Costs

Students who undertake this course in year 12 will have a mandatory excursion/camp, costs will be involved.

It is expected that students studying this subject participate in BYOD. Please see page 155 for further information and device specifications.