

Year 8 History

The History (Mandatory) course requires students to complete:

- 100 hours of History in Stage 4

Course description

History develops in young people an interest in and enjoyment of exploring the past. A study of History provides opportunities for examining events, people and societies from ancient, medieval and modern times, including twentieth-century Australia.

What will students learn about?

Students explore the nature of history, how historians investigate the past and the importance of conserving our heritage. The nature of colonisation and contact history is examined.

To begin the unit students gain an understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of Indigenous Australians. Students are able to engage with and understand Aboriginal perspectives. Students examine the invasion of Australia and the impact this had on traditional Aboriginal society. Students can ask what really happened at Myall creek and how incidents like this have been portrayed throughout history.

To compare during the second term of work, students will examine the culture of the Native Americans. What did traditional Native American society look like? Buffalo anyone? Are there similarities between the treatment of Indigenous societies by white settlers? Students will gain an appreciation of Native American society and the significant historical changes that occurred after white settlement.

What will students learn to do?

Students learn to apply the skills of investigating history, including analysing sources and evidence and sequencing major historical events to show an understanding of continuity, change and causation. Students develop research and communication skills, including the use of information and communication technologies (ICT), and examine different perspectives and interpretations to develop an understanding of a wide variety of viewpoints. Students also learn to construct a logical historical argument supported by relevant evidence and to communicate effectively about the past to different audiences.

Course requirements

All students must complete a site study in Stage 4. In order to meet this requirement students will be conducting a Rocks excursion that will examine the dreaming stories of the Rocks.