

Year 9 Geography

The Geography (Mandatory) course requires students to complete:

- 100 hours of Australian Geography in Stage 5.

Course description

Geography allows students to develop enjoyment of and interest in the interaction of the physical and human environments. Students will develop geographic knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes in order to engage in the community as informed and active citizens.

The syllabus has two key dimensions that form the basis for the study of all content in Geography:

- the spatial dimension – where things are and why they are there
- the ecological dimension – how humans interact with environments.

What will students learn about?

Students of Australian Geography learn about the interaction of human and physical geography in a local context. They examine Australia's physical environments and communities and explore how they are changing and responding to change. Students also look at Australia's roles in its region and globally, and how individuals and groups are planning for a better future. An important feature of the Australian Geography course is to allow students to become more informed and active citizens.

What makes Australia unique? Is it the people, resources or size? Students will examine the unique weather, climate, flora and fauna of this marvelous country. Our country is prone to a number of terrible natural disasters – students will examine how these occur and what we can do to manage them in time of a crisis.

What will students learn to do?

Students learn to gather, process and communicate geographical information from a variety of primary and secondary sources. The study of Geography also provides opportunities for students to learn to use a wide range of geographical tools including information and communication technologies (ICT). Geographical tools such as maps, graphs, statistics, photographs and fieldwork assist students to gather, analyse and communicate geographical information in a range of formats.

Course requirements

Fieldwork is an essential part of the study of Geography in Stage 5.