STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Studies of Society and Environment helps students deepen their understandings about interactions between people, and people and their environment. By investigating societies and the environment students appreciate the complexity of relationships, and develop skills to contribute as informed citizens. Students understand significant social, political, economic and cultural ideas; the importance of inquiry; and ways to respond to issues of the past, present and future. Students clarify their personal values and acknowledge others’ values in relation to social justice, democratic process, sustainability and peace.

Why Study SOSE

• To become informed, active and responsible citizens both now and in the future.
• To develop the skills needed to handle information effectively.

How Is It Studied

The program is arranged in units of work. Each unit is based around one or more of the following strands:

• Time, Continuity & Change
• Place & Space
• Culture & Identity
• Political and Economic Systems

Topics

The main topics studied are:

History focus
• Ancient societies
• Twentieth century history
• Australian society

Geography focus
• Mapping skills
• Local area
• Natural hazards
• Fragile environments
• Issues in managing environments
• Tourism

Citizenship focus
• Government in Australia
• Active citizenship
• Globalisation

Assessment

Three or four assessment items are completed each semester. These may be:

• short answer test
• research assignment (including field work)
• oral presentation
• stimulus response test
• paragraph and essay test

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning over time in relation to the following assessable criteria: Knowledge and Understanding, Investigating, Communicating, Participating and Reflecting.