Community Studies

**Course length:** Full year or semester

**Credit value:** 10 or 20 credits in each area of study.

Students can complete multiple units of study.

**Advice to students**
No background knowledge is required.

**Course overview**
Community Studies offers students the opportunity to create individual contracts of learning in a community context and to interact with teachers, peers and community members beyond the school environment. Students decide the focus of their community activity which begins from a point of personal interest, skill or knowledge. By setting challenging and achievable goals in a community activity, students enhance their skills and understandings in a guided and supported learning program. They develop their capability to work independently and to apply their skills and knowledge in practical ways in their community.

Students negotiate a contract of work to develop a community activity from any of the following 6 areas of study:
- Arts and the Community
- Communication and the Community
- Foods and the Community
- Health, Recreation and the Community
- Science, Technology and the Community
- Work and the Community.

**Assessment**

*School-based assessment* 70%
- Contract of work
- Folio
- Presentation

*External assessment* 30%
- Reflection

**Pathways**
Community Studies courses can be useful preparation for:
- further education and training
- work (including a traineeship or an apprenticeship)
- leisure activities
- volunteer work
- parenting.

**Further information**
Please note that Community Studies does not contribute to an ATAR, but contributes to Stage 2 SACE credits. Students can also choose more than one area of study.