

Community Studies (Non-TAS*)

Level: Stage 2

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 prepare 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

- Reflection 30%

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

***Non-TAS:** Please note that Community Studies does not contribute to an ATAR.