

Geography

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year

Credit value: 20 Credits

Advice to students

No background knowledge is required. Students who want to know about the issues facing the world today and with an interest in investigating and developing solutions for the Earth's environment and its people will find this course rewarding and of great interest.

Course overview

Part A: The Transforming World

Through the study of environmental change, students investigate the impact of human activity on land cover and the climate.

Theme 1: Environmental Change

Topic 1: Ecosystems and People

Topic 2: Climate Change

Students develop their understanding of population issues and economic change through the study of population trends at global, national and local levels, the impact of globalisation, and patterns of inequality around the world.

Theme 2: Social and Economic Change

Topic 3: Population Change

Topic 4: Globalisation

Topic 5: Transforming Global Inequality

All topics are studied.

Topic 1 and Topic 3 are the focus of Part B of the external examination.

Part B: Individual Fieldwork

Students undertake independent fieldwork on a local topic or issue of personal interest.

Assessment

School-based assessment

- 4 Geographical Skills and Applications 40%
- Fieldwork Report 30%

External assessment

- Examination (2 hours) 30%

Pathways

Geography provides a range of transferable skills that are useful for numerous degree and diploma courses at university and TAFE, and employment in a wide range of vocational pathways.