

# Modern History

**Level:** Stage 2

**Course length:** Full year

**Credit value:** 20 Credits

## Advice to students

The study of history gives students the opportunity to make sense of a complex and rapidly changing world by connecting past and present. No specific background knowledge is assumed, although previous experience of the study of history is desirable. Students will be involved in a variety of research activities and effective communication with others. Initiative and independence are an advantage.

## Course overview

### **Modern Nations**

Topic:

- Germany 1918-1948, Aftermath of World War I, Hitler and the road to dictatorship, Nazi state and World War 2

### **The World since 1945**

Topics:

- The Changing World Order (1945-), Superpower Rivalry, Cold War, Arms Race, Space Race, Korean War, Vietnam, Espionage, MAD, The collapse of the Berlin Wall and the U.S.S.R.

### **An Individual History Essay**

Students choose a key area for inquiry based on any suitable Modern History topic from 1500AD onwards.

## Assessment

Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

### *School-based assessment*

- Folio 50%
- Essay 20%

### *External assessment*

- Examination (3 hours) 30%

## Pathways

Modern History provides a useful background to a range of further studies including Arts/Humanities, Social Sciences and law courses at tertiary level.