

GEOGRAPHY ELECTIVE (100 HOUR)

The Geography Elective course is designed to provide students with a broader understanding of the discipline of Geography. Students who undertake this course will do so in addition to the mandatory Australian Geography course.

Geography Elective enables students to learn about the geographical processes that form and transform environments and communities. Contemporary geographical issues and events are explored, including the roles and responsibilities of individuals, groups and governments.

The course does not overlap with the mandatory course. The focus areas of study are designed to both extend and deepen students' appreciation of geographical perspectives and develop attitudes that promote a democratic and socially just society, in a sustainable environment.

The Geography Elective course comprises eight focus areas from which at least three must be selected for study:

- Physical Geography
- Oceanography
- Primary Production
- Global Citizenship
- Australia's Neighbours
- Political Geography
- Interactions and Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect
- School-developed Option

The course is very contemporary, issues based and focuses on topical world events such as whaling, global poverty, world crises such as Syria and refugees, and in-depth studies of countries. The aim of Geography Elective is to stimulate students' interest in and engagement with the world. Through geographical inquiry they develop an understanding of the interactions between people, places and environments across a range of scales and contemporary geographical issues in order to become informed, responsible and active citizens. Field work is an integral part of the course. Students will be expected to attend excursions and field work will be assessed along with knowledge and skills outcomes.

