

HISTORY ELECTIVE (200 HOUR)

The History Elective course involves a more substantial study of historical periods and methods and provides an excellent basis for the study of Ancient and Modern History in the senior school.

History Elective focuses on understanding and explaining change in both Ancient and Modern History through a variety of depth studies. Students explore the nature of history, heritage and archaeology and the methods that historians use to construct history through a range of thematic and historical studies.

The construction of history is examined through options such as historical fiction, media, or film. Historical issues studied include ethical issues of ownership. A range of ancient, and modern topics are explored and students have the opportunity to study historical themes like genocide and terrorism. Possible areas of investigation could include:

- Asian revolutions
- The Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide
- Roman games
- The Trojan War
- The French Revolution
- The assassination of JFK
- Terrorism and the KKK
- Historical fiction and historical film
- The Tudors
- The Romanovs
- South Africa

As well as investigating the past, we will also discuss the nature of History and the ways it is constructed and consumed. Research and essay writing skills taught in History Elective are applicable in a wide range of courses, including English, Mandatory History, a range of Social Science courses and senior History. The course is designed to enhance the development of critical and reflective thinking skills, and is perfect for anyone who finds the past fascinating and who loves an intellectual challenge. History Elective students also have the opportunity to represent the school in the History Debating Team when they are in Year 10.

