

Marine Studies

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC
 Content Endorsed Course
 Exclusions: Nil

Course Description:

Marine Studies provides an opportunity for the future custodians of this environment to study it and to appreciate its value. It gives them the opportunity to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to use and protect its unique ecosystems, and at the same time communicate their appreciation to the community. It provides an opportunity to instil in students an acceptable ethical code towards use of the marine environment, increasingly demanded by the community and their governments. While this course is focused on oceans, it provides scope for the study of the full range of waterways.

Marine Studies provides an educational context, linked to the needs of a population based very much on its coast and waterways and which fosters links to tertiary study and vocational pathways. Further, this syllabus brings a wide range of marine-based leisure experiences to students in a safe setting. Marine Studies provides for both practical and theoretical learning, honing students' acquired skills to solve real life problems.

Main Topics Covered:

Preliminary Course (30 hours of core and 90 hours of electives)

Core units:

- Marine Safety and First Aid
- The Marine Environment
- Life in the Sea
- Humans in Water
- Marine and Maritime Employment

Elective units:

- Selected from a range of offerings in the syllabus based on local resources available.

HSC Course (120 hours of electives)

Elective units:

- Selected from a range of offerings in the syllabus based on local resources available.

Elective units include opportunities for a/an:

- Marine Biology focus
- Fishing focus
- Boating focus
- Seafood Handling focus
- Diving focus
- Oceanography focus
- Aquaculture focus
- Coastal Studies focus
- Marine Ecology focus

Particular Course Requirements:

No special requirements.