

## Geography

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC  
Board Developed Course  
Exclusions: Nil

### Course Description:

The Year 11 course is structured to provide students with opportunities to develop and apply their understanding of the geographical concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, scale, sustainability and change. Students investigate natural systems; people, patterns and processes; and human–environment interactions. They develop an understanding of the nature and value of geographical inquiry through planning and conducting a geographical investigation.

The Year 12 course is structured to provide students with opportunities to develop and apply their understanding of the geographical concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, scale, sustainability and change. Students investigate global sustainability, rural and urban places, and ecosystems and global biodiversity.

### Main Topics Covered:

#### Preliminary Course

- Earth's natural systems - *investigate the diverse landscapes of the Earth's surface and its distinctive physical features.*
- People, patterns and processes - *investigate evidence of human diversity across the Earth's surface.*
- Human-environment interactions - *investigate the global nature of land cover change, from temporal and spatial perspectives, as they examine the long-term development of natural systems compared to the short time frame of human activity.*
- Geographical Investigation - *Students plan and conduct ONE Geographical Investigation to develop their understanding of the nature of geographical inquiry through practical research and applying geographical concepts, skills and tools.*

#### HSC Course

- Global Sustainability – *investigate sustainability in the contemporary world, including principles of, and actions for, sustainability.*
- Rural and urban places - *investigate the spatial characteristics of diverse types of settlements, and the process of urbanisation and urban growth influencing rural and urban places at a global scale.*
- Ecosystems and global biodiversity - *investigate the functioning of ecosystems, their value, the roles of natural and human stresses, and trends in global biodiversity.*

### Particular Course Requirements:

Students complete a geographical investigation in the Preliminary course and must undertake 12 hours of fieldwork in both the Preliminary and HSC courses.