

History Extension - HSC Only

1 unit HSC
Board Developed Course
Exclusions: Nil

Course Description:

The History Extension course is about the nature of history, and how and why historical interpretations are developed from different perspectives over time. It offers a higher level of challenge than the Ancient History and Modern History courses with its greater emphasis on historiography.

The History Extension course requires students to examine the way history is constructed and the role of historians. Students explore problems and issues associated with the construction of history through sampling the works of various writers, historians and others involved in the practice of history from ancient times to the present day.

Students apply their understanding and skills of historical inquiry by designing and conducting their own **historical investigation**.

History Extension appeals to students who appreciate the intellectual challenge of grappling with an area of debate, and constructing and defending a position through a reasoned and cohesive argument.

The History Extension course is designed to enhance the development of critical and reflective thinking skills essential for effective participation in work, higher learning and the broader community.

Four key questions provide a framework for investigating the construction of history:

1. Who are the historians?
2. What are the purposes of history?
3. How has history been constructed, recorded and presented over time?
4. Why have approaches to history changed over time?

Students develop their understanding of significant historiographical ideas and methodologies by exploring case studies. Past case studies have included:

- *Elizabeth I and The Elizabethan Age*
- *The Witch Trials and Witch Hunts in Europe and New England.*

Course Structure:

| | History Extension | Indicative hours |
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| Year 12 course (60 hours) | Constructing History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key Questions ● Case Studies | 40 (minimum) |
| | History Project | 20 (maximum) |

Particular Course Requirements:

Year 11 Ancient History or Modern History is a prerequisite for entry into Year 12 History Extension.

Year 12 Ancient History or Modern History is a co-requisite for Year 12 History Extension.