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Subject Selection Information

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Faculty: HSIE

Subject: Geography

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Classification of the Course:

Category A

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Why Study Geography?

* **YOU SHOULD DO THIS SUBJECT IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND:**

- **the processes of the physical world**
- **how we impact on the environment and communities**
- **the political and cultural connections between people and countries**
- **international agreements, global interactions and trade links**
- **ecosystems and management strategies to help conserve them**

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Nature of the Course

Information Geography can be separated into two main branches:

Physical Geography

- **The natural world – the four spheres**
- **Interactions between the spheres**
- **Ecosystems at risk**
- **Protection, Conservation**
- **The scientific processes**
- **Impacts of human interaction**
- **Ways to manage and sustain for the future**

Human Geography

- **Population**
- **Development**
- **Culture**
- **Natural resources**
- **Politics**
- **People**
- **Economy**
- **Urbanisation**
- **World cities**
- **Inequalities**

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HSC Exam: Yes

Length of Exam: 3 hours

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Structure of the Course

PRELIMINARY

Topics:

* ***Earths Natural Systems 40***
* ***People, patterns and processes 40***
* ***Human environment interactions 20***
* ***Geographical Investigation 20***

HSC COURSE

Topics

- ***Global sustainability 30***
- ***Rural and Urban places 45***
- ***Ecosystems and global biodiversity 45***

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Internal Assessment Structure

Year 11
Research Task – Earths natural systems
Senior Geography Project
Exam

Year 12
Research Task – Global Sustainability
Research Essay – Rural and Urban Places
In Class Task – Ecosystem and global biodiversity
Trial HSC

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Elective fees for the Course:

Nil

Skills Required for this subject and/or any Prerequisites:

* THIS IS A HIGH DEMAND COURSE THAT IS EXPERIENCING A BOOM IN COURSE NUMBERS DUE TO ITS RELEVANCE OF THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE WORLD

* YOU NEED TO BE GOOD AT AND WILLING TO IMPROVE ON:

- Basic mathematics - geographical skills
* (If I can do it, so can you!)
- Ability to conduct research and write reports.
- Writing ability (2 extended responses in HSC paper) – you
* do not have to be perfect at writing, just willing to follow a
* structure/scaffold (Standard English).
- Asking questions to gain a variety of perspectives/points of view.
- Researching sites to gain a deeper understanding of the issues and places studied.

Career Opportunities

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JUST TO NAME A FEW

- **International & Environmental Lawyer**
- **Journalist**
- **Human Rights Officer**
- **Ambassador**
- **Travel Agent**
- **Import/Export Business**
- **Statistician/Data Analyst**
- **School Teacher**
- **Cartographer**
- **Climate Change Analyst**
- **Environmental Scientist**

Geologist
Market Researcher
Meteorologist
Politician
Sustainability Coordinator
Surveyor
Tourist Information Officer
Urban Planner
Architect
Pilot
Wildlife Biologist
Zoologist
Engineer