KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL
Subject Selection Information

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Faculty: HSIE

Subject: Modern History

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Classification of the Course:

Category A

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Nature of the Course

The study of Modern History engages students in an investigation of the forces that have shaped the world, based on the analysis and interpretation of sources. It offers students the opportunity to investigate the possible motivations and actions of individuals and groups, and how they have shaped the world politically, culturally, economically and socially. Modern History stimulates students' curiosity and imagination, and enriches their appreciation of humanity by introducing them to a range of historical developments and experiences that have defined the modern world.

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HSC Exam: Yes

Length of Exam: 3 hours

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Internal Assessment Structure

Year 11

Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Extended Response
JFK Historical Investigation Research Task
Shaping the Modern World- Romanovs and WW1 Exam

Year 12

Russia and the Soviet Union Extended Response.
Power and Authority in the Modern World Source Analysis.
Apartheid in South Africa Research and Historical Analysis Written Task.
Cold War/Russia and the Soviet Union/Power and Authority/Apartheid Trial examination.

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Elective fees for the Course:

Nil

Skills Required for this subject and/or any Prerequisites:

- Ability to conduct research and evaluate sources as evidence.
- Writing ability (3 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.

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Career Opportunities

By completing this course students will develop general and specific skills, including research, analysis, problem-solving, decision-making, critical thinking and communication. These skills enhance their confidence and ability to participate effectively as global citizens, by questioning sources and information, and form arguments that are reinforced with evidence.

Career Opportunities

Modern History will help students develop skills which will help them in the following career paths:

- Law
- Publishing and Media/Journalism
- Education
- Politics
- Archaeologist
- Heritage and Museums