

# Humanities Policy

Humanities are linked with the social sciences and include History, Geography, Economics and Business, Civics and Citizenship.

Time: 3 hours per week

Teaching model: Integrated / Inquiry

## Rationale:

It is the study of human behavior and interaction in social, cultural, environmental, economic and political contexts. The humanities and social sciences have a historical and contemporary focus, from personal to global contexts, and consider challenges for the future. Through humanities and social sciences, students will develop the ability to question, think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively, make decisions and adapt to change. Thinking about and responding to issues requires an understanding of the key historical, geographical, political, economic and societal factors involved, and how these different factors interrelate.

## Purpose:

The humanities and social science subjects provide a broad understanding of the world in which we live, and how people can participate as active and informed citizens with high-level skills needed for the 21st century.

## Guidelines for Implementation:

1. The curriculum is based on AusVELS.
2. Curriculum is taught as an integrated unit.
3. The model it will be taught as will be based on the Epsom 'Instructional' Model.
4. Where appropriate major and minor excursions will be based around one of the units.
5. Where appropriate incursions / guest speakers will be utilized.
6. Students will be provided with a relevant sequential learning program.
7. The incorporation of New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning, will allow for deeper thinking.
8. Literacy and Numeracy will still be embedded into the curriculum and be a major focus.
9. Tasks completed will be assessed in relation to AusVELS.
10. A budget will be developed to provide the resources required for the teaching of Humanities.
11. Staff will promote the positive involvement of parents in Humanities
12. Where appropriate, Technology will be utilized an instructional aid, a computation tool, a means of demonstrating the application of humanities, as a way of sharing their learning, or a way of creating in relation to Humanities

## Resources:

AUSVels