

## Geography Elective

### What is this subject about?

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. It is a rich and complex discipline that integrates knowledge from natural sciences, social sciences and humanities to build a holistic understanding of the world. Students learn to question why the world is the way it is, reflect on their relationships with and responsibilities for the world and propose actions designed to shape a socially just and sustainable future. This course covers topics not done in the compulsory Geography course.

Through an inquiry-based approach, students explain patterns, evaluate consequences and contribute to the management of places and environments in an increasingly complex world. Engagement in fieldwork and the use of other tools including mapping and spatial technologies are fundamental to geographical inquiry.

### Why study this subject?

The study of Geography Elective enables students to become active, responsible and informed citizens able to evaluate the opinions of others and express their own ideas and arguments. This forms a basis for active participation in community life, a commitment to sustainability, the creation of a just society, and the promotion of intercultural understanding and lifelong learning. The skills and capabilities developed through geographical study can be applied to further education, work and everyday life.

### Learning experiences

The course consists of studying a combination of the following areas:

- Physical Geography - The geographical processes that form and transform the physical world.
- Oceanography - The features and importance of the world's oceans and issues associated with them.
- Primary Production - The patterns, functions and issues associated with primary production.
- Global Citizenship - The role of informed, responsible and active global citizenship.
- Australia's Neighbours - The environments of Australia's neighbours and specific geographical issues within the Asia–Pacific Region.
- Political Geography - The nature and distribution of political tensions and conflicts, and strategies towards effective resolutions.
- Interactions and Patterns along a Transcontinental Transect - The factors responsible for causing variation in spatial patterns across a continent from one specific location to another.
- School-developed Option - Ways in which people and environments interact and the role of informed, responsible and active citizenship in such interaction.