



Holsworthy
High School

HSIE Faculty

HSIE Human Society & It's Environment



HSIE CURRICULUM

The HSIE curriculum aims to develop knowledge, understanding and values which enable our students to become informed and active citizens.

In Years 7 – 10 HSIE subjects include:

GEOGRAPHY

Geography students develop skills through fieldwork activities at Cronulla Beach and the Georges River. These activities enable students to use appropriate tools such as a compass and map reading. Senior students learn about biophysical changes in the environment through a visit to Minnamurra Rainforest and Pymont. Treasure hunts in Year 7 build on students' map reading skills.

Students focus on two key dimensions:

1. Where things are and why they are there (spatial).
2. How humans interact with environment (ecological).

Areas of study include:

- Environments
- Global Change
- Natural Hazards

HISTORY

History aims to stimulate an interest in and enjoyment of exploring the past.

Areas of study include:

- The Ancient World - China and Rome
- Medieval Europe - knights and castles
- World Wars I and II

The school is fortunate to be able to invite guest speakers, including war veterans, to share their personal experiences with students. History is made relevant to students through activities such as mummy wrapping, creating models and analysing artefacts. The Ancient History class conducted an archaeological dig in the school grounds to examine the role of physical evidence in understanding and reconstructing the past.

History students visit museums and historic sites. Recent museum visits include seeing Egyptian mummies at the Powerhouse Museum and Escape from Pompeii at the Maritime Museum.

The Medieval Show is a highlight for Year 8 when they learn about the life of people during the Middle Ages. Students handle replica armour and weapons, and some willing volunteers even endure the physical punishment of the stocks, pillory and the rack.

COMMERCE

Commerce gives young people the knowledge, and skills to research solutions to consumer, legal, business and employment issues.

Topics of study include:

- Law and Society
- Employment Issues
- Consumer Choices

Market Day.

Students create a business which they must organise and be responsible for. The students gain a valuable understanding of the nature of business and the challenges which must be overcome for financial success.

Commerce and Legal Studies students visit the *Downing Centre District Court* and the *Supreme Court* to observe our legal system.

Students have the opportunity to enter challenging competitions such as *The Australian Geography Competition* and *The Business Studies Competition*. HSC students attend *study days* in preparation for their final exams.

Healing Circle

Society and Culture students participated in a *Healing Circle* to gain a better understanding of the role of rituals in the topic *Belief Systems and Ideology*.

STAGE 5, 100 HOUR COURSES

Students can choose from:

International Studies

International Studies gives students the opportunity to learn about the way culture influences human rights, ceremonies, belief systems, food and how they vary within different across the world.

Myths and Legends

Myths and Legends is made specifically for students who have a love of History! Topics on offer include witchcraft, film as History, Vikings and Greek myths. Here you will learn skills research, source analysis and developing a historical argument.

Subjects offered in Year 11 and 12 include:

- Ancient History
- Legal Studies
- Business Studies
- Modern History
- Geography
- Society and Culture

TEACHING AND LEARNING

A range of teaching and learning activities are offered to students including:

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| Small group work | Research |
| Project based learning | Oral presentations |
| Extension activities | Model making |
| Extended writing | Fieldwork |
| Excursions | Technology based activities |



HSIE FACULTY

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