



Holsworthy  
High School

HSIE Faculty

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



## WHY CHOOSE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES?

International Studies provides students with a solid foundation of skills necessary for many senior subjects. The course allows students to develop an understanding of and appreciation for their own culture and the cultures of the world. Students learn about different cultural practices, values and beliefs.

Students will gain an understanding of key concepts including:

- The complex, diverse and dynamic nature of cultures
- The increasing interconnectedness of cultures in the contemporary world
- Respect for the diversity of cultures
- Individual and social responsibility
- Co-operation between and among cultures and groups
- Equity and social justice

Students will be assessed using a range of methods including:

- Research tasks
- Collaborative Projects
- Multimedia Presentations
- Extended Responses

## CORE STUDY—CULTURE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD (30% of course time)

Students study the concept of culture and its many characteristics. Students have the opportunity to study examples of cultural diversity in the contemporary world.

### Areas of Study include:

- Understanding Culture
- Culture and Identity
- Cultural Diversity
- My Culture
- The Asia-Pacific
- Contemporary Cultural Issues



**Optional Studies:** (15-25% of course time each)  
Students study a range of options that explore the interaction between culture and other aspects of society. Students study 2-3 of the following:

- Beliefs
- Gender
- The Media
- Culture on the move
- Travel
- The Performing Arts
- Art and Architecture
- Film and Literature
- Sport
- Family Life
- Food
- Science, Technology and Change



International Studies enables students to understand and value inclusion, and to respect the rights of others. Students also develop intercultural understanding to participate in and contribute to building a cohesive and just world.

This course is an excellent pathway to Stage 6 HSIE subjects such as Society and Culture and Legal Studies.

Through International Studies, students will be able to:

- Apply critical literacy in recognizing and challenging stereotypes
- Develop effective tools for successful intercultural communication and understanding
- Recognise bias and stereotypes
- Analyse different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of cultural beliefs and practices
- Evaluate culturally significant issues
- Apply strategies to understand cultural differences Use a range of written, visual and oral forms to communicate ideas about cultures



In studying other cultures, we learn more about ourselves and our relationship to all things in this world.

— Eustace Conway —

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