
LEARNING CHOICES PROGRAM

Digging Deeper: Explorations into History, Geography and Beyond

DURATION OF SUBJECT

One semester

SUBJECT TYPE

Depth Study

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Digging Deeper - Explorations into History, Geography and Beyond is a research based subject which aims to support students as they conduct an extended investigation into a focussed learning area. Students are guided through a process of developing, hypothesising, conducting an in depth research investigation, evaluating and presenting research in a creative manner. The research topic will be determined by the individual student and may be an extension of an area of curriculum already being undertaken within the Core Humanities program, or it may be a topic which develops Humanities skills exploring different content. This may include topics such as an investigation into a particular historical event or period; exploration of an environmental issue; research into global political structures, or another approved Humanities based investigation. Students are also encouraged to consider entering external research competitions, such as the National History Challenge, to guide the individual's research pathway.

Students develop skills in conducting independent research, forming an opinion, defending and justifying their conclusions based on their research findings. They work towards meeting regular deadlines and checkpoints each working toward a final product. The research culminates in the development of a final product sharable with peers and the wider community.

ASSESSMENT

The major assessment for this subject is the research project, which is completed in several parts. These stages meet set outcomes based on research and Humanities skills as well as negotiated outcomes based on the student product.

Why choose this subject?

Digging Deeper - Explorations into History, Geography and Beyond provides an excellent foundation for critical thinking and research skills useful for and applicable to most learning areas in Senior School. Students who have a passion for History or Geography, Civics and Citizenship or Economics would enjoy this subject as would any student interested in exploring a topic in great depth.