
VCE UNITS INFORMATION

VCE Australian and Global Politics Units 1 and 2

CONTENT

Unit 1: The National Citizen

As an Australian, you play an important role in the way our nation responds to various events that impact on our citizens. Examining a series of events from 2000 to the present day, you will learn how and why past and present governments have responded to crises over time and how this has impacted on our relationships with foreign governments and institutions/groups such as the United Nations and Amnesty International. These issues range from the human rights of asylum seekers, concerns for the environment and the threat of terrorism.

Unit 2: The Global Citizen

In this unit, students investigate key global challenges facing the international community in the twenty-first century. They examine and analyse the debates surrounding two ethical issues such as the rights of the child and freedom from torture, then students evaluate the effectiveness of responses to these issues. Students also explore the context and causes of global crises and consider the varying effectiveness of responses and challenges to solving them through examination of particular examples and case studies, which may include the War on Terror fought in Afghanistan and Iraq.

OUTCOMES

Unit 1

- Students should be able to evaluate the power and influence of key global actors in the twenty-first century and assess the extent to which they achieve their aims
- Students should be able to analyse and evaluate types and forms of power as used by a specific Asia-Pacific state in the region in pursuit of its national interest

Unit 2

- Students should be able to analyse two global political issues from a range of perspectives and evaluate the effectiveness of global actors' responses to these issues
- Students should be able to explain the characteristics of two contemporary global crises and evaluate the effectiveness of responses to these

ASSESSMENT

Assessment tasks for this unit are selected from the following:

- An analysis of visual materials, for example cartoons, websites, posters, films, plays, artwork
- An audiovisual presentation
- An oral presentation
- A written research report
- A web-based presentation
- A case study or a debate