Social & Community Studies – (SCS)

Applied senior subject

Social & Community Studies is an Applied subject for students with an interest in the Social Sciences. It provides students with the skills they need to function efficiently, effectively and positively in current and future life roles. It aims to build in students an understanding that emotional and social wellbeing are significant as are self-reliance, self-management and concern for others. Social & Community Studies emphasises the importance of cultural diversity and responsible attitudes alongside critical and creative thinking skills.

Content:
During the two-year course, students will study eight elective topics:

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<th>The Arts and the community</th>
<th>The world of work</th>
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<td>Australia's place in the world</td>
<td>Legally, it could be you</td>
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<td>Health: Food and nutrition</td>
<td>Money management</td>
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<td>Science and technology</td>
<td>Health: Recreation and leisure</td>
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Prerequisites:
It should be noted that Social & Community Studies is a subject within the Social Science Faculty. Students will study topics that have a relationship to content studied in Junior Social Science subjects e.g. History, Legal Studies, Geography and Civics & Citizenship. There will also be an emphasis on 'hands on' style practical activities such as excursions into the community.

Assessment:
Students are assessed using four different assessment techniques. These are:

- Projects: Helping to organise a school or community event.
- Investigations: These are research based tasks which require students to locate and use information.
- Extended response to stimulus: In this type of assessment, students are asked to analyse, interpret and evaluate stimulus material e.g. an article or picture and write a response to it.
- Examinations: Students are required to answer a range of questions relating to a topic studied in class.

Costs:
(In addition to the Student Resource Scheme - SRS)
Nil
(However, please see note below regarding excursion costs).

Excursions:
Students will be involved in regular excursions (at least one per term) which will incur a cost for bus travel and entry to venues.