ANCIENT HISTORY

Status .................................. AUTHORITY SUBJECT
QCE Credit Points ................. 4

RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS:
A High achievement (B) in SOSE and English in Year 10 would be an advantage.

AIMS

Ancient History takes students on a journey through the earliest forms of organised society, the development of wealth and hierarchy and the consequent conflicts that that development created. Opportunities will be provided for students to examine the role of significant individuals in history and to consider the transition from the ancient to the modern world. As a result, students develop greater understanding of their world today through the critical exploration of the clues left from ancient times. Students will learn to interpret sources of information using the research process and historical essay writing.

COURSE OUTLINE

Semester 1: Studies in Archaeology
• focus on the processes used and information gained from archaeological investigation
Study of Pharaonic Power in Egypt
• investigation of the importance of power and the impact upon the development of Egypt
Semester 2: Studies of Political Structures
• investigation of the political structures of Greece and Rome and their consequent impacts
Semester 3: Studies of Conflict
• impacts of arising conflicts with reference to the Greeks, Persians and the Crusades
Studies of Power
• focus will be on the Roman Empire and emergence of Christianity
Semester 4: Personalities in History
• studies of the impact of various individuals in ancient society
Studies of Europe in Transition
• studies the collapse of ancient civilizations and the emergence of a new society.

ASSESSMENT

A selection of the following assessment items could be given in each semester:
• Testing – objective, short answer, response to stimulus
• Multi-modal task – oral/seminar presentation
• Extended written response – essay format
• Written Research

FUTURE PATHWAYS

Ancient History is a very useful study in preparing students for tertiary courses such as Archaeology, Palaeontology, Education, Law, Journalism, Media, Psychology and Social Work. The research and writing skills developed in Ancient History are vital in successfully completing any tertiary courses.

EMPLOYMENT & LIFE SKILLS

Ancient History can lead to employment opportunities such as librarian, historian, researcher, government employee, teacher, data analyst, archaeological assistant, travel writer, author. Skills developed will also assist in decision-making in most life situations in terms of gathering, interpreting and analysing data and ability to communicate effectively in both written and verbal form.

COST:
The costs associated with this course are included in the Student Resource Scheme.