GEOGRAPHY

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
Geography aims to equip students with the tools to understand the world today and be actively involved in managing our world. Students will be provided opportunities to consider global, regional, national and local patterns and determine how natural phenomena impact on humanity, how humanity impacts on nature, and how humanity impacts on itself. As such, students are introduced to concepts of community, both in industrialized and developing countries, environment conservation, resource availability (in particular water and soil) through the lens of custodianship versus exploitation, leading students towards the long term goal of sustainability.

COURSE OUTLINE
Semester 1 Managing the Natural Environment:
- Responding to natural hazards
- Managing catchments
Semester 2 Social Environments:
- Sustaining urban and rural communities
- Planning places
Semester 3 Resources and the Environment:
- Managing resources
- Living in physical systems
Semester 4 People and Development:
- Contrasting development
- Feeding the world’s people

SKILLS
Geography is able to provide students with the following unique combination of skills:
- apply knowledge of world patterns and processes to increase local understanding;
- analysis of various data eg. written, graphical, pictorial, tabular;
- field observation and data gathering methods;
- data manipulation eg. mapping, graphing and cross-sections;
- identify problems, collect supportive evidence and make valid and justified decisions; and
- use of technology eg. computer, data projectors, digital cameras and stereoscopes.

FIELD EXCURSIONS
Field work is a COMPULSORY part of the assessment program. Students should anticipate that there will be three full day excursions over the 2 year course. Students will be notified of costs involved.

ASSESSMENT
A selection of the following assessment items could be given in each semester:
- Report - related to field work
- Practical exercise
- Stimulus Response Essay
- Short Response Test

FUTURE PATHWAYS
A study of Geography at Senior level can lead to tertiary education courses such as Tourism, Marine Studies, Education, Meteorology, Cartography, Geography, Planning, Law, Media, Journalism, Geology, Psychology, Social Work, Drama and Arts, Politics, Environmental Science, Science, Agriculture, Surveying. In addition, skills developed in Geography are applicable in a variety of contexts eg. other senior subjects, QCS test, job searching as well as tertiary research and report writing.

COST:
The costs associated with this course are included in the Student Resource Scheme.
- Additional Cost approximately $60 for Excursions in Yr 11 and 12