

Social Science Faculty

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Studies in Social Sciences

The Social Science Department encompasses a variety of different disciplines, including Ancient and Modern History, Geography and Certificate II in Tourism, and for years 7 to 10, Australian Curriculum History and Geography.

Studying a Social Science subject will prove especially relevant to further study at the tertiary level, such as TAFE or University, or entering the workplace, in particular, working in the tourism industry.

The Social Science Department is implementing the Australian Curriculum's History and Geography program, for years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Students will have the opportunity to study a range of interesting topics and case studies before moving into specialist disciplines in years 11 and 12.

Whether students are aiming for a career in the tourism industry or another career, a social science course of study will form an important part of their overall education, in particular, the ability to write both academic essays and workplace documents. Social Science students are encouraged to develop their ability to research, interpret, analyse and evaluate information. This can be invaluable in other areas of study, particularly the Queensland Core Skills Test and in everyday life.

The teaching staff in the Social Science Department at North Rockhampton State High School regularly attend professional development to maintain and improve their teaching and learning skills, particularly around the new Australian Curriculum. All possible opportunities are taken by our VET staff to update and refresh their knowledge of the tourism industry's most current practices.

Full details about the subjects offered by the Social Science Faculty are provided in the subject information booklets. The link to these documents can be found on the quick links section, on the left hand side of website home page.

Social Science Subjects	
Year 7	<p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt • Greece • Rome <p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water in the world • Where we live • Global Rivers project
Year 8	<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapes • Local Area • Caves as a geographical inquiry <p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medieval Europe • Medieval Japan • The Aztecs
Year 9	<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Regional Studies; What people make and buy • Great Barrier Reef as a geographical inquiry <p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revolutions • The Great War 1914-18 • Australia: Colonisation to Federation
Year 10	<p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World War II • Growth of human rights • Globalization of mass media and popular culture <p>Introduction to Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Tourism Industry • Working with Colleagues and Customers • Developing and Updating Tourism Industry Knowledge <p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental challenges • Global well-being • Natural disasters as a geographical inquiry
Years 11 and 12	<p>Authority Subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient History • Geography • Modern History <p>Authority Registered Subject:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate II in Tourism

eLearning

eLearning is embedded throughout all Social Science subjects. Some strategies and tools we use include:

Communication and collaboration	<p>Learning Place Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Classrooms• Blogs & Discussion Forums• Learning Objects <p>Other tools used for student participation and engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactive Whiteboards
Digital publishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desktop publishing• Publications for Print and Presentation
Multimedia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Photography• Web Quests• Internet sites
Data analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spreadsheets and graphing applications.• Databases used to store, retrieve and summarize data.
Problem solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mapping applications
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class sets of laptop computers• Digital cameras• Video cameras• Tripod