



What is this course about?

Geography teaches us about the significance of 'place' and 'space' in understanding our world. These two concepts are foundational to the discipline and are built on by the concepts of environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. By observing and measuring spatial, environmental, economic, political, social and cultural factors, geography provides a way of thinking about contemporary challenges and opportunities. Learning in geography is underpinned by inquiry through which you will investigate places in Australia and global communities. When you think geographically, you observe, gather, organise, analyse and present data and information across a range of scales. Excursions and use of spatial technologies are central to the study of geography. They provide authentic opportunities for you to engage in real-world applications of geographical skills and thinking, including the collection and spatial visualisation and representation of data.

Fieldwork also encourages participation in collaborative learning. These critical skills are valued in an increasingly digital and global world. In geography, you will engage in a range of learning experiences that will develop your geographical skills and thinking through the exploration of geographical challenges and the subsequent impacts on people, places and the environment. You will be exposed to a variety of contemporary challenges affecting people and places across the globe, at a range of scales. These include natural and ecological hazards, resource management, climate change, sustainability challenges affecting places and communities, food insecurity and the mass movement of people.

How will I be assessed?

The following syllabus objectives summarise how you will be assessed in this course:

- Explain geographical processes and recognise geographic patterns
- Analyse geographical data and information
- Apply geographical understanding to identify impacts and make generalisations
- Propose action and justify recommendations
- Communicate geographical understanding

The important learning skills of Geography

Critical thinking



- analytical thinking
- problem-solving
- decision-making
- reasoning
- reflecting and evaluating
- intellectual flexibility

Creative thinking



- innovation
- initiative and enterprise
- curiosity and imagination
- creativity
- generating and applying new ideas
- identifying alternatives
- seeing or making new links

Communication



- effective oral and written communication
- using language, symbols and texts
- communicating ideas effectively with diverse audiences

Collaboration and teamwork



- relating to others (interacting with others)
- recognising and using diverse perspectives
- participating and contributing
- community connections

Personal and social skills



- adaptability/flexibility
- management (self, career, time, planning and organising)
- character (resilience, mindfulness, open- and fair-mindedness, self-awareness)
- leadership
- citizenship
- cultural awareness
- ethical (and moral) understanding

ICT skills



- operations and concepts
- accessing and analysing information
- being productive users of technology
- digital citizenship (being safe, positive and responsible online)