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Year 8 Syllabus

Year Level Description

In Year 8, Humanities and Social Sciences and Economics and Business

Students develop inquiry skills which includes questioning, reflecting. They apply their knowledge of phenomena, both historical and contemporary.

Students continue to develop their understanding of the Westminster system in Australia and how it affects citizens, and how they can participate. Students explore the role of the media in society.

The concept of markets and the concepts of international markets work and trade businesses, consumer rights. Students consider the opportunities for them or global, issues which affect them.

The concepts of planning and change continue to be explored. The opportunity to inquire into change in the distribution of resources.

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- ☒ Select All
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- ☒ Knowledge and understanding

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- ☒ Literacy
- ☒ Numeracy
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- ☒ Critical and creative thinking

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CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP

Democracy and la

The freedoms that
participation in Aus
within the bounds c
freedom of speech,
assembly, religion a
([ACHCK061](#))

-  Personal and socia
-  Ethical understand

How citizens can pa
Australia's democra
the electoral system

✔ Personal and social capability

✔ Ethical understanding

✔ Intercultural understanding

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How laws are made
through parliament
([ACHCK063](#))

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How laws are made
through the courts
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The types of law in
criminal law, civil la
Aboriginal and Torr
customary law ([ACI](#)

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 Intercultural understanding

Different perspectives on national identity, in particular the Torres Strait Islands and what it means for them
([ACHCK066](#))

 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

 Ethical understanding

 Intercultural understanding

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

Participation and marketplace

The way markets operate and how the interaction between buyers and sellers influences the way markets allocate resources (how to answer the questions of what to produce and for whom)
([ACHEK027](#))

 Critical and creative thinking

 Ethical understanding

How the government influences the economy

market, such as price of goods and services being provided for a market (e.g. health

🎯 Critical and creative

⚖️ Ethical understanding

The rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses (ACHEK029)

👤 Personal and social

⚖️ Ethical understanding

Types of businesses (partnership, corporation, franchise) and the responsibilities of businesses in Australia (ACHEK030)

🎯 Critical and creative

⚖️ Ethical understanding

Influences on the workplace (e.g. technological change, labour in the global economy, communication channels that might affect workplace) (ACHEK031)

 Critical and creative thinking

GEOGRAPHY

Landforms and landscapes

The different types of landforms in Australia and their characteristics and features (e.g. coastal landforms, mountains, karst) ([A](#))

 Numeracy

The spiritual, cultural and historical value of landscapes and places to people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

 Numeracy

 Critical and creative thinking

 Intercultural understanding

The geographical processes that produce landforms, and the study of **one** type of landform (e.g. mountains, volcanoes, coastal landforms (estuaries, bays, etc.))

 Numeracy

The causes, spatial patterns and impacts and responses to natural hazards

geomorphic hazard
eruption, earthquake
landslide, avalanche

 Numeracy

 Critical and creative

How the effects of
hazards are influenced
cultural and economic
where people choose
the available infrastructure
resources to prepare
hazard) ([ACHGK053](#))

 Numeracy

 Critical and creative

How the application of
prevention, mitigation
preparedness minimise
effects of geomorphic
([ACHGK053](#))

 Numeracy

 Critical and creative

Changing nations

The causes and consequences
urbanisation in Australia

country from the Asia-Pacific region
([ACHGK054](#))

 Numeracy

 Critical and creative thinking

 Intercultural understanding

The reasons for, and the impact of, international migration in Australia

 Critical and creative thinking

The reasons for, and the impact of, international migration in Australia
([ACHGK058](#))

 Critical and creative thinking

HISTORY

The ancient to the modern world

Overview

- Key features of the ancient world (feudalism, trade, discovery, contact)
([ACOKH009](#))

 Intercultural understanding

Depth study 1: In medieval Europe

The way of life in m
social, cultural, eco
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society ([ACDSEH00](#)

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Continuity and char
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punishment; militar
systems; towns, cit
([ACDSEH051](#))

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🌀 Intercultural under

The role of significant events in the medieval period (e.g. the Black Death) ([ACDSEH052](#))

🎓 Critical and creative thinking

🌐 Intercultural understanding

Depth study 2: In Black Death in Asia and Africa (14th century)

Living conditions and the impact of the Black Death in the 14th century, including life expectancy, medical knowledge, and beliefs about the plague ([ACDSEH015](#))

🎓 Critical and creative thinking

⚖️ Ethical understanding

🌐 Intercultural understanding

The role of expanding trade between Europe and Asia during the Black Death, including the transmission of the disease ([ACDSEH015](#))

🎓 Critical and creative thinking

🌐 Intercultural understanding

The causes and symptoms of the Black Death and the response to the plague

groups in society to
disease, such as the
monasteries ([ACDS](#)

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system and describe
They apply aspects
underpin Australia's

Students explain how
interdependence of
involvement in the
and respond to each

Students describe the
how places are perceived
and human characteristics
geographical challenges
factors. Students describe
people and places,
scale.

Students explain the
of the Black Death,
explain the significance
the beliefs and values

In Year 8, Humanities and Social Sciences consists of Civics and

Students develop increasing independence in critical thinking and analysing, evaluating, communicating and reflecting. They apply their understanding to phenomena, both historical and contemporary.

Students continue to build on their understanding of the concept of law. They investigate the types of law in Australia and how they are citizens, and how Australians can actively participate in their democratic processes. They explore Australian identity.

The concept of markets is introduced to further develop students' understanding of choices and allocation. They consider how markets work and the roles of businesses, consumers and governments. Work and work future: students consider how people work now and consider how people will work in the future. Opportunities for the concepts to also be considered in relation to the future of work.

The concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability and change are explored and provide students with the opportunity to inquire into change in the distribution of populations. They apply this understanding to a range of scales, from local to global, and in a range of locations.

Students develop their historical understanding through key concepts: cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability. They explore the end of the ancient period to the beginning of the modern period, what changed, what key beliefs and values emerged, and the causes of change.

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