**Ancient History at a glance:**

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**Weighting (for Senior 2004: The most recent QSA)**

For further information regarding FPs, you might like to visit the following Queensland Studies Authority site:

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Assessment tasks are developed in such a way as to help prepare students as much as possible for the Queensland Core Skills Test.

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**The Ferny Grove HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT Vision**

The Humanities Department strives to act consistently with the Ferny Grove State High School Mission Statement and to contribute to the social and academic growth of all students by delivering relevant education experiences.

Staff in the Humanities Department actively seek to deliver a high quality education in their teaching subjects for all students through approaches that are:

- **Student centred**
- **Supportive and caring**
- **Informed by current best educational practices**
- **Unlock student potential**

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**Information for YEAR 10 students and their families courtesy of the HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT**

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Why study Ancient History?

Not to know what happened before one was born, is always to be a child.  Cicero 1st Century BC

Studying Ancient History helps young people to make sense of the world as it is today. Cultural and religious developments, complex social and economic challenges, issues of justice, discrimination and violence are timeless and were as much part of the ancient world as they are of ours.

Ancient History helps young people to live more effectively with others as global citizens. In order to live purposefully, ethically and happily with others, we must develop our capacity to make wise decisions. Studying Ancient History helps our students to develop the knowledge, skills and values needed to make those decisions. In other words, Ancient History is a relevant and important way of developing skills for successful lives in the modern world!

The Course

The course conducted over four semester units:

Semester 1  (Year 11)  Studies of Archaeology, Stone Ages & Funerary Practices
Semester 2  (Year 11)  Political Structures of Egypt & Greece
Semester 3  (Year 12)  The Roman Republic & early Imperial Rome
Semester 4  (Year 12)  Studies in Religion & Personalities from the Ancient & Medieval Worlds

The course includes:

- Practical work
  - archaeological dig
  - reconstruction of artefacts
- Cultural activities

Skill Development in Ancient History

Ancient History is studied in such a way that skills in critical inquiry, debate, reflection and decision making are developed. Further, students also develop a wide range of communication skills.

Studying Ancient History helps students develop:

Research Skills
A knowledge of their world
Interpretive, analytical & evaluative skills
Communication skills
Empathy
Investigative and problem solving skills

The skills will be very useful in all tertiary studies. As students develop the ability to understand the diverse societies they will also be better equipped to "make sense" of modern issues – a valuable skill in tertiary education!

Tertiary Pathways

Tertiary studies for which Ancient History is a valuable preparation include studies in arts, law, archaeology, anthropology, sociology, education, social sciences, Asian studies, languages/cultural studies, communication, journalism, government and politics, and divinity!

Career Pathways from Ancient History

Ancient History is of benefit in many areas of employment. The skills and perspectives developed in Ancient History are valued in many fields and careers including:

- Journalism
- Legal professions
- Teaching
- Public administration & government
- Advertising and business
- Tourism and travel
- Publishing, media, creative arts
- Architecture and design

In the age of increased specialisation, or conversely mobility across a number of different careers, those with generalist people and problem solving skills developed in a course such as Ancient History are becoming highly valued by many employers.

Interestingly, in Australia during the last decade, the specialist skills developed in the study of Ancient History have also proven crucial. The skills of specialised archaeologists, anthropologists, and ancient historians have played an increasingly important role in the preservation of Australia’s ancient heritage!