

Geography at a glance:

Status:		Board Subject
Field Positions (FP)		Weighting (for Senior 2010: The most recent QSA)
A	Extended written communication	5
B	Short written communication	5
C	Simple basic calculations	5
D	Complex problems	3
E	Practical performance	4

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

What are Field Positions (FPs)? available at:

<http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/TertiaryEntrance/sep/tes.html>

Assessment tasks are developed in such a way as to help prepare students as much as possible for the Queensland Core Skills Test. Of the 48 Core Skills assessed as part of this test, Geography students will have covered 48 of them as part of their normal class work. Student performance in the Core Skills test influences their OP Score.



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:

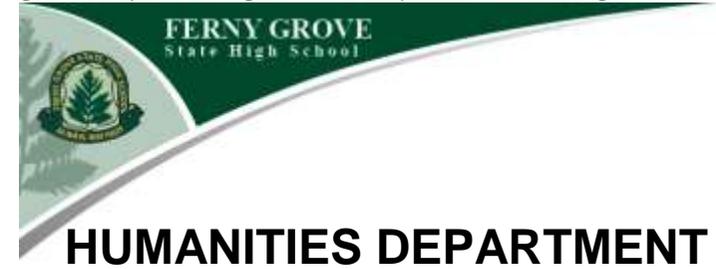
- **Student centred**
- **Supportive and caring**
- **Informed by current best educational practices**
- **Unlock student potential**

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

Geography Syllabus available at:

http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/yrs11_12/syllabuses/syllabus_news.html#g

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**So you're interested in
studying GEOGRAPHY in
Years 11 and 12**



**Information for YEAR 10
students and their families**

What is Geography?

Geography is a dynamic subject, in which technological development, especially in areas such as satellite imagery and computers, is changing our understanding of the physical world and the way that information about it is gathered. Choosing to study Geography in Years 11 and 12 will assist students to understand both this rapid expansion in knowledge and their physical and social world. Geography deals with the real world and real world issues.

As Geography consists of studies of peoples and places, and the relationship between these people and their environment, the course is well placed to examine many pressing social issues relevant to modern Australian society.

The Course

Geography explores a range of issues about the social and environmental features of the world. It encourages students to think about controversial environmental issues on a local, state, national and international level. Geography is therefore an important aspect of a strong environmental education which looks at management solutions to local, regional, national and global problems.

The course is designed around 4 themes each offering a range of topics. The four themes are:

Theme 1: Managing and natural environment

- Managing river catchments
- Natural Hazards (if relevant to world events)

Theme 2: People and development

- Contrasts in Development
- Feeding the world's people
- The Geography of disease

Theme 3: Social environments

- Sustaining communities
- Mega cities

Theme 4: Resources and environment

- Sustaining biodiversity
- Living with climate change

Field excursions are an important, enjoyable and compulsory part of the course

Skill Development in Geography

“The skills of critical thinking and clear communication which a training in the humanities develops, are in demand for employers”

Geography students develop:

Oral skills

Writing skills

Research Skills

Investigative skills

Field Work skills

Critical thinking skills

Problem solving skills

Mapping and graphical skills

Calculation skills

Computing skills

Interpretive, analytical and evaluative skills

Cross-cultural understanding skills

GIS mapping and analysis skills



Tertiary Pathways

Tertiary studies for which Geography is a valuable preparation include anthropology, architecture, environmental studies, engineering, economics and commerce, geography, geology, social science, arts/law, journalism, psychology, social work, surveying, town planning, education, public administration and tourism.

Geography is a subject that allows students to keep their career options and tertiary education pathway options open!

Career Pathways from Geography

Studies in Geography are of direct benefit in **many areas of employment** such as:

- **town planner, architect**
- **environmental scientist**
- **surveyor**
- **researcher**
- **cartographer, oceanographer**
- **journalist**
- **teacher**
- **real estate agent/evaluators**
- **meteorologist**
- **tourist work** (including eco-tourism)
- **public administration**
- **public relations officer**
- **national parks/heritage worker**



In **many diverse fields**, from public administration through to the tourist industry, studies in Geography provide perspectives and skills that are helpful everyday. Studying Geography provides many students with a “*generalist*” subject area that, in addition to maintaining open career options, also builds an understanding and awareness of the world in which we live and an appreciation for its delicate balance.