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


Assessment tasks are developed in such a way as to help prepare students as much as possible for the Queensland Core Skills Test.
**Why study Modern History?**

Modern History focuses on those 20th Century events and trends that have shaped the political, economic and social systems of today.

Studying Modern History helps students to live more effectively as global citizens by developing decision making skills.

Studying Modern History can help students develop the knowledge, skills and values needed to make wise decisions.

Modern History helps students to understand new situations, take a long-term view of issues, examine change and continuity, tolerate and acknowledge the views of others, develop personal values, and reflect upon decisions.

**The Course**

The course is conducted over four semester units:

**Semester 1** (Year 11)

**Studies of Power and Studies of Conflict**

Includes:
- An introduction to the Modern World
- World War I
- Nazism
- The Cold War

**Semester 2** (Year 11)

**Studies of Change and Studies of Hope**

Includes:
- Gender Relations in Australia
- The Suffragettes
- The Vietnam Wars and Australia’s involvement
- US Civil Rights Movement

**Semester 3** (Year 12)

**Study of Ideas and Beliefs**

Includes:
- Imperialism in Africa and Asia in the 19th & 20th Centuries
- Impact of white Australians on our indigenous people
- A study of the development and propagation of Anti-Semitism

**Semester 4** (Year 12)

**Studies of Everyday Life and the Individual throughout History**

Includes:
- The nature of family relationships through history
- The concept of the Great Person in History
- Comparative Study of the world’s great religions

**Skill Development in Modern History**

Modern 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 Modern History helps students develop:

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

**Tertiary Pathways**

**Tertiary studies** for which Modern History is a valuable preparation include studies in arts, law, commerce, economics, education, social sciences, Asian studies, languages/cultural studies, communications, journalism, government and politics, and even divinity! The skills in research, interpretation/analysis/evaluation, and communication developed during the course will be very useful in many tertiary studies.

**Career Pathways from Modern History**

Studies in Modern History are of direct benefit in many areas of employment such as:

- Journalism
- Legal professions (ranging from law enforcement as police through to solicitors and barristers)
- Teaching
- Public Administration/Government (especially in fields such as Foreign Affairs and Trade)
- Advertising and PR
- Publishing

In an 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 Modern History are becoming highly valued by many employers.

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