

## Humanities

### SUBJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Humanities offers students the opportunity to find out more about the world, its origins, and its complexities. Through inquiry, critical thinking, creative writing, storytelling, simulations, role plays and depth studies, students' minds are opened to the wonders of the Geography, History, Economics and Politics.

We begin with understanding key ideas such as Place and Liveability, seeking to generate curiosity regarding specific landscapes. Students develop geographic questions to conduct an inquiry into the liveability of particular places in the world. In small groups they convince an audience that, despite the hazards of a place many people choose to live there. These landscapes include mountains, coasts, and deserts. Students present their inquiry as a group.

Our history units are developed to engage students in determining pivotal moments in time that point to the events, the people and the places that emerged from ancient civilisations to medieval, feudal communities. This is achieved through storytelling, re-enactments, research and inquiry, role play and deep critical thinking.

Understanding chronology and the order of events for particular places in the world, students will continue to learn about key turning points that resulted in the rebirth of society - the Renaissance. This incredible time, its people, groups, ideas, and thinking have shaped and influenced society today.

We round out the year by covering vital knowledge regarding personal financial literacy in a hands-on, practical study of key ideas about the relationships between consumers and producers, the role of government in markets, including tax and its purpose and what factors determine a successful business.

Throughout each area of study vital skills are embedded to further develop competencies applicable to other subject areas, particularly literacy, critical thinking, empathy, analysis, evaluation, group work, leadership, public speaking, exam preparation, and accountability.

Overall, Humanities has something for everyone. Bring your curiosity and a need to know more.