Name of Subject: History

Stage: 1

General information: In Stage 1 History, students explore some of the major events, conflicts and catastrophes that have shaped the past and impact on the world we live in today. They will get the chance to not only explore some fascinating aspects of modern history, but also question why these key events took place, who were the people involved and apply their own understanding and interpretations to their study of the past.

Content: Students will explore topics including the Origins of the First World War, Witch hunts and Manhunts in the United States, The Origins and Nature of the Second World War, and Ethnic Cleansing and Genocide in the Twentieth Century. These topics may be altered depending on the specific interests of the students and/or the teacher.

Assessments: The Assessment includes Folio work, consisting of oral presentations, multimedia presentations and/or essays, source analysis, an independent research assignment and an exam. Generally, there will be two folio assessments, two source analysis tasks and an independent research assignment per semester.

Special Information: Students will be required to work independently, in pairs and in a group for various assessment tasks. There is also a two hour exam at the end of the course.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for History, however, an interest in modern history is recommended.

Preferred prerequisites: It is recommended that students have undertaken Studies of Society and the Environment in Years 8, 9 and 10, however, it is not essential.