Name of Subject: Community Studies

Stage: 1 and 2

General information: Community Studies is a Flexible Learning Program that allows students to undertake independent projects, or for activities that are undertaken within the community to be acknowledged through their Certificate of Education. The learning the student wishes to undertake is outlined through a Contract of Work, and successful completion of this subject requires all aspects of learning outlined within the Contract to be demonstrated through a Folio of Evidence. Note: achievement in Community Studies can not contribute to an ATAR.

Content: Students can complete either a 10 or 20 Credit Contract of Work in each of the following areas:
- Arts and the Community
- Business and the Community
- Communication and the Community
- Design, Construction, and the Community
- Environment and the Community
- Foods and the Community
- Health, Recreation, and the Community
- Science and the Community
- Technology and the Community
- Work and the Community

As part of their program of learning, students may undertake a Community Activity that applies to more than one area of study. The area of study chosen should reflect the primary focus or emphasis of the activity.

Assessments: Students are assessed on the following 4 components within this subject:
- Contract of Work
- Folio
- Community Activity
- Reflection (externally assessed at Stage 2)

Students are assessed from A-E within each of the above components. Learning is demonstrated by the compilation of the above components within their Folio of Evidence.

Special Information: Students may undertake Community Projects which may incur a cost to parents. Such projects may include designing a specialised training program which requires membership at a local gym. There are many options for Community Projects which will not incur a cost.

Prerequisites: There are no pre-requisites for this subject.

Preferred prerequisites: Students must be able to demonstrate skills in negotiation and independent learning to achieve at a high standard within this subject. Successful completion of the PLP may enable students to better determine an appropriate Community Activity which best compliments their learning style.