**Name of Subject:** Modern History

**Stage:** 2

**General information:** Modern History is the study of people, places, events and ideas in the history of societies in selected periods and places since 1500. Students will develop the skills of historical enquiry, demonstrating their ability to decipher historical evidence and to construct a reasoned argument. Students will be exposed to various types of sources, including written, visual and multimedia, in their studies.

**Content:**
In 2010, Modern History students studied one thematic and one depth topic. The thematic topic examined was *Revolutions and Turmoil: Social and Political Upheavals since c. 1500*, looking specifically at the French and Russian Revolutions. The depth topic students studied was *An Age of Catastrophes: Depression, Dictators, and the Second World War, c. 1929–45* examining the impact of the Great Depression in Germany and the rise of Adolf Hitler. This is subject to change in 2011.

**Assessments:**
School-based Assessment: Folio including essays, oral presentations and source analysis (50%)
An Individual History Essay on a topic of the student’s choosing (20%)
External Assessment: Examination (3 hours in duration) (30%)

**Special Information:**
The Modern History course requires a large degree of reading and writing. Students will need to complete an externally assessed examination at the end of the year which will count towards 30% of their overall grade. This exam runs for 3 hours. Students will have the opportunity to attend a Research Trip to Adelaide where they will have access to a wide range of resources that will assist them with their Individual History Essay. Attendance on the trip is encouraged, but not compulsory. The trip will cost approx $120.00.

**Prerequisites:** There are no prerequisites for this course.

**Preferred prerequisites:**
Stage 1 History is an advantage, but not a requirement. Students must be prepared to complete weekly readings and have the confidence to write essays under time constraints, as required for the 3 hour end of year examination.