

Community Studies

Code

This will depend on the student contract.

*Community visits may be a component of this course.

Prerequisites

No prerequisite.

Community Studies can be studied at either the Stage 1 or Stage 2 level. Community Studies is a subject that allows students to study what they want and decide how they will go about their learning. Students can use their real life interests and experiences to put together a contract of study.

This course can be tailored to suit students who have low literacy and/or numeracy skills and/or specific interest and strengths as students write a contract that is challenging but achievable for them.

In this subject you must negotiate and develop a contract of work with your teacher. You can:

- base your contract of work on one or more of the twelve areas of study listed below
- study up to six units in each area of study at Stage 1 and four units at Stage 2
- study either one-unit or two-unit programs
- tailor your contract so that it is either a Group 1 or Group 2 subject
- count up to twelve units of Community Studies at Stage 1 or fourteen units at Stage 2 towards the NTCET.

The Twelve Areas of Study - **students can study one or more of the following. The suggested activities are only a guide. Students study a topic of their choice.**

Arts and the Community

Activities could be about the Arts, either the visual arts or the performing arts, eg: • putting on a play • creating a mosaic for a public facility • performing mime • performing indigenous dance • illustrating a book • cartooning.

Business and the Community

Activities could be about business and enterprise, eg: • running a small business • participating in practice firms • keeping financial records.

Communication and the Community

Activities could be about using language to communicate, eg: • learning a language other than English • learning English • learning signing • giving a talk in public • developing skills in information and communication technology • raising awareness of body language.

Design, Construction and the Community

Activities could be about the design and construction of products or conveying ideas through design, eg: • designing and constructing a web page for a local community organisation • designing your new bedroom to scale • rebuilding an old car • designing and making a coffee table.

Environment and the Community

Activities could be about the natural or built environment, eg: • developing or conducting an ecotourism activity • beautifying school grounds • researching and monitoring cane toads in the NT.

Foods and the Community

Activities could be about nutrition, food preparation and presentation, catering, the dietary needs of particular groups or food hygiene, eg: • developing a healthy eating plan for a toddler • compiling a recipe book • preparing for and hosting a party.

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Health, Recreation and the Community

Activities could be about health, fitness, nutrition, recreation or leisure, eg: • running a sporting competition • bushwalking • working out an exercise plan • researching teenage health issues.

Lifestyle and the Community

Activities could be about ways of life such as researching your family history or looking at lifestyle issues, investigating factors that influence lifestyle, eg: • comparing lifestyle in Australia with that lived overseas • finding out what life was like for your grandparents • investigating how having a baby affects lifestyle.

Mathematics and the Community

Activities could be about measurement, scale, accounting, developing numeracy skills or budgeting, eg: • buying a used car • buying a house • costing an overseas holiday • working out a personal budget • collecting statistics about something that interests you, eg: your Australian Football League (AFL) team, and analysing the data.

Science and the Community

Activities could be about science research or experimentation, eg: • tagging and monitoring endangered species • scientific causes and medical management of diseases • understanding the effect of stress on yourself.


Technology and the Community

Activities could be about information technology, construction technology, food technology, information processing, word-processing or automotive technology, eg: • rebuilding your Holden engine • building a web page • making sets for a drama production • preparing costumes.

Work and the Community

Activities could be about work, either paid or unpaid, eg: • doing your part-time job • participating in your school-based apprenticeship • painting the house • investigating technology in the workplace • investigating hours spent by various family members on unpaid work in the home.

Community Studies is not scored out of 20 at Stage 1 or 2. Students attain a Recorded Achievement, a Satisfactory Achievement or Outstanding Achievement. **Stage 2 Community Studies cannot be used towards a TER but can be used to attain an NTCET.**



Casuarina Senior College aims to provide an outstanding education and quality outcomes for all students through the provision of rich learning experiences and a varied curriculum designed to maximise student engagement.

Students are able to access all subjects without incurring tuition costs. A number of subjects also offer extended learning experiences which are optional and for which the College Council will seek the reimbursement of associated costs from parents of participating students. Examples include additional materials, excursions, etc. Indicative reimbursement costs for subjects containing extra-curricula activities are identified throughout the handbook by an asterisk (*).

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