

## SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Both the Preliminary and HSC Society and Culture courses are 2 unit Board Developed Courses.

Society and Culture is the study of human behaviour. It is a cross-disciplinary course that draws content, concepts and social research methods from anthropology, communication, cultural and media studies, philosophy, social psychology, and sociology. It allows students to investigate and develop a deeper understanding of:

- themselves
- their own society and culture
- the societies and cultures of others

Society and Culture supports students in developing their understanding of the interactions between their personal experiences and public knowledge available through research, writing, and media. It encourages them to identify and analyse the relationships between their micro, meso, and macro worlds.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

#### PRELIMINARY COURSE

(120 indicate hours)

- ▶ The Social and Cultural World (30% of course time): *the focus of this study is the interactions occurring between persons and within and between groups, both in the contemporary world and in societies across time.*
- ▶ Personal and Social Identity (40% of course time): *the focus of this study is the process of socialisation, and the development of personal and social identity in individuals and groups in a variety of social and cultural settings.*
- ▶ Intercultural Communication (30% of course time): *the focus of this study is to understand how people in different social, cultural and environmental settings behave, communicate and perceive the world around them so that they can better understand each other and their world.*

#### HSC COURSE

(120 indicate hours)

##### Core

- ▶ Personal Interest Project (30% of course time): *the PIP is externally assessed and worth 40% of total course mark. Students are introduced to the social research methods commonly used in tertiary institutions. Students chose a topic of personal interest and conduct primary and secondary research. Fantastic preparation for university!*
- ▶ Social and Cultural Continuity and Change (30% of course time): *the focus of this study is to understand the nature of social and cultural continuity and change and to examine it, through the application of research methods and social theory, in relation to a selected country.*

##### Depth studies (40% of course time)

- ▶ Two to be chosen from the following:
  - Popular Culture
  - Belief Systems and Ideologies
  - Social Inclusion and Exclusion
  - Social Conformity and Nonconformity