

HaSS and EFPS

Humanities and Social Sciences is the study of human behaviour and interaction in social, cultural, environmental, economic and political contexts. Humanities and Social Sciences has a historical and contemporary focus, from personal to global contexts, and considers opportunities and challenges for the future.

In the Western Australian Curriculum, the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area comprises four subjects: Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography and History.

- Civics and Citizenship democracy, democratic values, the Westminster system, justice, participation, rights and responsibilities
- Economics and Business scarcity, making choices, specialisation and trade, interdependence, allocation and markets, economic performance and living standards
- Geography place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale, change
- History evidence, sources, continuity and change, cause and effect, significance, perspectives, empathy, contestability

By studying Humanities and Social Sciences, students will develop the ability to question; think critically; make decisions based on evidence; devise proposals for actions; and communicate effectively.

Thinking about, reflecting on, and responding to issues requires an understanding of the key historical, geographical, political, legal, economic, business and societal factors involved, and how these different factors interrelate.

The Humanities and Social Sciences subjects provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to develop a broad understanding of the world in which we live and how people can participate as active and informed citizens in the 21st century.

At EFPS classes integrate HaSS across the curriculum and use the local area as a focal point in our teaching and learning. Many of our excursions and incursions are based around our HaSS curriculum. Our parent community is very supportive in assisting with these activities. Examples of some excursions:

- Historical tours of Fremantle buildings and architecture
- Parliament House / Constitution Centre
- Shipwreck Gallery
- Niergarup Track
- Using local transport systems

- Clean Up Australia Day
- ANZAC service
- Red Cross Humanitarian Project
- Canning Vale Recycling Centre

Our Year 6 leadership opportunities are based around our Parliamentary system and it involves the election of ministers into different portfolios. Each portfolio has duties and responsibilities that the students undertake.

Enterprise projects are developed in the senior school to support Economics learning and these also incorporate Technology and Design, Maths and English. These link closely to sustainability and environmental awareness topics.

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