

## IS THIS THE TOPIC FOR ME?

Aboriginal Studies is a unique experience for both Aboriginal students and non-Aboriginal students. Aboriginal students are provided with an opportunity for cultural affirmation and positive educational experiences while non-Aboriginal students are able to 'learn together' with Aboriginal peoples and communities.

For all students, Aboriginal Studies provides a flexible structure to prepare for further education, training and employment. Students will develop analytical skills, the ability to pursue independent research and the ability to develop coherent arguments.

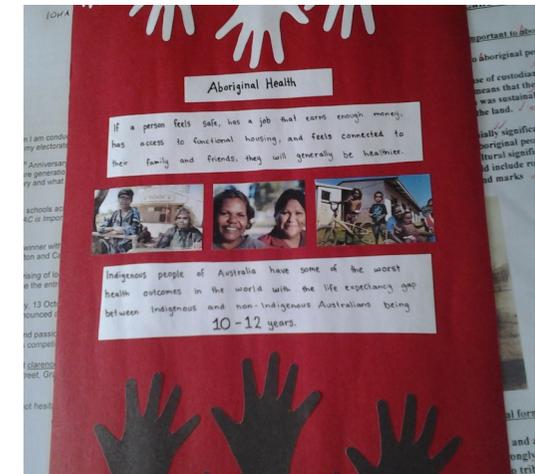


Maclean High School

HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

# ABORIGINAL STUDIES

SENIOR COURSE: YEAR 11 AND 12



SOCIAL EQUALITY IS THE ONLY BASIS OF HUMAN HAPPINESS.

- NELSON MANDELA

## **PRELIMINARY COURSE—120 HOURS**

PART I – ABORIGINALITY AND THE LAND

PART II – HERITAGE AND IDENTITY

PART III – INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY:  
COMPARATIVE STUDY

PART IV – RESEARCH AND INQUIRY METHODS

## **HSC COURSE—120 HOURS**

PART I –

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

A – GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

B – COMPARATIVE STUDY

PART II-

ABORIGINALITY AND THE LAND

**OR**

HERITAGE AND IDENTITY

PART III –

RESEARCH AND INQUIRY METHODS .

## **Values and Attitudes**

Aboriginal Studies provides a vehicle for students to develop interest in, and informed attitudes towards, Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples at local, national and global levels from the past, present and in the future.

The values and attitudes described below inform teaching and learning throughout the Preliminary and HSC courses. Through Aboriginal Studies, students develop interest in, and form responsible attitudes to:

- ◆ social justice through: – concern for the rights of Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples – respect for the rights of all people – commitment to redressing disadvantage, discriminatory practices, racism and injustice
- ◆ intercultural understanding through: – appreciation of the cultural heritage of Aboriginal peoples – respect for the world views, belief systems and languages of Indigenous peoples – valuing the cultural diversity of Australia
- ◆ empathy with Aboriginal peoples’ experiences and views through: – commitment to examining social and cultural ideas from Aboriginal perspectives – acknowledging the shared history of Australia

**Aboriginal Studies** is an academic course.

It is designed to foster intellectual, social and moral development by enabling students to think critically about the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal peoples.

Through this study students will develop a heightened understanding and appreciation of the concepts of social justice and shared histories, and will critically examine their role as active and informed citizens.

Aboriginal history and culture are fundamental to the development of Australian identity. Aboriginal Studies acknowledges the contribution of Aboriginal cultures and communities to Australian society.

Aboriginal Studies seeks to provide a body of knowledge that is both accurate and unbiased. The course will provide students with ways of detecting and analysing bias in representations of Aboriginal peoples.