

Community and Family Studies

The following contains a description of the course we offer to students at St Marys Senior High. It is intended as a guide to help you select your subjects and you should read it carefully.

Please note:

- The details given represent the way that the course is delivered at St Marys Senior High and may involve different choices from the way other schools might operate the same course.
- Classes can only be formed where sufficient students select the particular course. The fact that a course is listed here is not a commitment to run the course in a particular year.
- The arrangements for particular courses are subject to change for a variety of reasons.

Community and Family Studies - Course Details

Units	Type	ATAR	Faculty Teaching This Course
2	Board Developed Course – Examinable at the HSC, marks can be used to count towards an ATAR	A – Counts towards an ATAR with no restrictions	TAS/PDHPE

What will I be doing in this course?

Students studying Community and Family Studies will develop an understanding about living in a society and how to function effectively in their everyday lives, in both families and communities. Life issues that are important to all young people are investigated and they will analyse how the current rapid social and technological change impacts on individuals and communities. The degree of diversity within society is explored in families, parenting, caring and community groups. This subject is of equal relevance to both female and male students.

Preliminary Course:

- Resource Management - explores the concepts of wellbeing, needs, wants, resources, values, goal setting, communication, decision making and personal management.
- Individuals and Groups – examines the role that individuals and groups play in meeting the specific needs of individuals, families and communities, building positive interpersonal relationships, power bases and the nature of leadership.
- Families and Communities – provides students with an insight into family structures and communities and the roles individuals adopt within each.

HSC Course:

- Research Methodology - focuses on the study of research and allows students to pursue an area of interest in an Independent Research Project.
- Groups in Context – examines the specific needs of four selected groups within the community including homeless people, people with disabilities, youth, the aged, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Rural and remote families, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex communities, and Sole parents
- Parenting and Caring – analyses the types of parents and carers and the factors affecting the parenting and caring roles.
- Option module - Social Impact of Technology – examines the important role technology plays in redefining society, families, communities and the workplace.

What should I be able to do at the end of this course?

Students will develop:

- Knowledge and understanding about resource management and its role in ensuring individual, group, family and community wellbeing.
- Knowledge and understanding about the contribution positive relationships make to individual, group, family and community wellbeing.
- Knowledge and understanding about the influence of a range of societal factors on individuals and the nature of groups, families and communities.
- Knowledge and understanding about research methodology and skills in researching, analysing and communicating.
- Skills in the application of management processes to meet the needs of individuals, groups, families and communities.
- Skills in critical thinking and the ability to take responsible action to promote wellbeing.
- An appreciation of the diversity and interdependence of individuals, groups, families and communities.

How will I be assessed in this course?

As part of the HSC, students are required to complete an Independent Research Project which is included in the HSC school assessment program.

How will this course help me in the future?

Most importantly the Community and Family Studies course prepares students for the varied roles they will undertake as an individual, family member, parent, carer and active member of their local community.

Students studying Community and Family Studies will gain a foundation for career paths such as child care, social work, counselling, nursing, teaching and human resource management.