



## Tawa College

### Social Sciences Department

#### Geography Student Information Booklet Year 11 2017

"Geography is a living and breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change, it is dynamic and relevant" Michael Palin

At Year 11, students will continue to develop the skills introduced in Years 9 and 10 Social Studies. They will learn about issues that affect them locally, regionally, nationally and at a global scale. Assessment has been chosen to fit the themes and concepts of the course. This programme should be dynamic, flexible and critically reviewed over time.

#### Key Themes

**Natural Processes** – New Zealand is a unique and diverse landscape due to its geographic location in a tectonically active area. Understanding process of plate tectonics and the interaction between this natural phenomenon and the human sphere is an important skill to have as a geographer. We will be investigating these processes and how they shape the natural and cultural environment.

**Population Growth and Movement** – World population continues to grow. Students will gain an understating of population processes and some of the challenges faced by countries as population pressures increase.

**Sustainability** – Society is reliant on resources to allow people to have the things they need and want. We need to think and behave in a way that allows individuals, groups and communities to meet their aspirations in a way to allow resources to be available for future generations. We look into the dairy industry and the ways they are moving towards sustainable practices.

#### Assessment

Standard Number	Title	Code	Credits	Assessment format
AS 91007	Demonstrate geographic understanding of environments shaped by extreme natural events	Geography 1.1	4 (L1 Lit)	External written exam
AS 91010	Apply concepts and basic geographic skills to demonstrate understanding of a given environment	Geography 1.4	4 (L1 Num)	External resource based exam

AS 91011	Conduct geographic research with direction	Geography 1.5	4 (L1 Lit and Num)	Internal written assignment
AS 91013	Describe aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale	Geography 1.7	3 (L1 Lit)	Internal - written in class assignment
AS 91009	Demonstrate geographic understanding of the sustainable use of an environment	Geography 1.3	3 (L1 Lit)	Internal - written assignment

Assessments are from the *Geography* domain. *Geography* counts towards both Literacy and Numeracy depending on the standard. (Please see above)

**Students are offered 18 credits in *Geography* this year. 8 will be externally assessed in the end of year, NCEA examinations, and 10 will be assessed internally during our school year.**

**As all assessments are from the *Geography* domain a subject endorsement is available. To get a course endorsement in *Geography*, you would need to achieve 14 credits at a Merit or Excellence level.**

From NZQA - For Course Endorsement students will receive an Excellence endorsement if they gain 14 or more credits at Excellence level, while students gaining 14 or more credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) will gain a Merit endorsement.

For Course Endorsement, at least 3 of the 14 credits must be from internally assessed standards, and 3 from external assessment (national examinations), to demonstrate students are competent in both forms of assessment.

Refer to the Student Guidelines for assessment policy and procedures for assessment policy and procedures for misconduct, authenticity, appeals and missed assessment.

Submission format will be on a standard by standard basis, this will be outlined by your teacher, either in paper format or digitally where appropriate.