



Tawa College

Social Sciences Department

Geography Student Information Booklet Year 12 2017

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

At Year 12, students will continue to develop their geographic skills. They will learn about both the natural and cultural environments and issues that affect society. 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. This year, we build on this understanding of natural processes in the Tongariro Volcanic Zone. We will be investigating the conflicts that arise between humans enjoying the alpine environment and maintaining its natural character.

Development of Countries – There are differences throughout the globe in the development of countries, these can be measured and compared to some extent. In this theme, we will grapple with some of the ideas of what constitutes development, and look at how and why there are differences between and within countries.

Assessment

Standard Number	Title	Code	Credits	Assessment format
AS 91242	Demonstrate geographic understanding of differences in development	Geography 2.3	4 (UE Reading/Writing)	External exam
AS 91243	Apply geographic concepts and skills to demonstrate understanding of a given environment	Geography 2.4	4	External exam
AS 91244	Conduct geographic research with guidance	Geography 2.5	5	Internal written assignment

AS 91245	Explain aspects of a contemporary New Zealand geographic issue	Geography 2.6	3	Internal in class assessment
AS 91246	Explain aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale	Geography 2.7	3	Internal in class assessment

Assessments are from the *Geography* domain.

Students are offered 19 credits in *Geography* this year. 8 will be externally assessed in the end of year, NCEA examinations, and 11 will be assessed internally during our school year.

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.