



Tawa College

Social Sciences Department

Geography Student Information Booklet Year 13 2017

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

At Year 13, students will continue to develop their geographic skills. They will learn about processes interacting in both the natural and cultural environments. 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

Interacting Natural Processes – This year, we build on understanding of natural processes in the Paraparaumu Coastal Environment, looking at the interaction of natural processes and cultural uses of the environment.

The Cultural Process of Tourism – Tourism is an important part of the New Zealand economy. During the course we will investigate how Rotorua's tourism industry has developed and changed over time. This involves a week long fieldtrip during Term 2, to gather information for both 3.2 and 3.5. More information to come.

Assessment

Standard Number	Title	Code	Credits	Assessment format
AS 91427	Demonstrate understanding of how a cultural process shapes a geographic environment	Geography 3.2	4 (UE R/W)	External exam
AS 91429	Demonstrate understanding of a given environment(s) through selection and application of geographic concepts and skills	Geography 3.4	4 (UE R/W)	External resource based exam
AS 91430	Conduct geographic research with consultation	Geography 3.5	5	Internal assignment
AS 91431	Analyse aspects of a contemporary geographic issue	Geography 3.6	3 (UE R)	Internal assignment
AS 91432	Analyse aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale	Geography 3.7	3	Internal assignment

Assessments are from the Geography domain. Geography is a UE subject and some of the standards count towards Literacy Reading and/or Writing depending on the standard. (Please see above)

Students are offered 20 credits in Geography this year. 8 will be externally assessed in the end of year, NCEA examinations, and 12 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.