Environmental Studies

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year or Semester

Credit value: 20 Credit points
  (Full year)
  10 Credit points
  (Semester)

Advice to students
No background knowledge is required. A concern for, and a willingness to investigate, natural environments and to take action for the environment is central to this subject.

Course overview
Environmental Studies is a school-developed program focusing on the local environment using the River Torrens and other natural environments as a focus for the study of ecological systems and human interaction.

Environmental Studies draws from the study of Biology and Geography in order to understand how natural systems function and how humans impact on their management.

Assessment
School-based assessment
• Three Commentaries based on field work 30%
• One Group Project focused on re-vegetating the River Torrens 20%
• One presentation and Discussion on a Global Environmental issue 20%

External assessment
• Two Analysis papers 30%

Pathways
Environmental Studies is suitable preparation for a number of university or TAFE courses including Conservation and Land Management and Geography.

Advice to students
There is an emphasis on practical field activities with students studying and working in local environments, particularly the River Torrens where students will take a leading role in managing a re-vegetation site in conjunction with the local council and State Government environmental groups.