Classical Studies

Level: Stage 2

Course length: Full year

Credit value: 20 Credit points

Advice to students
No background knowledge is required. Enjoyment of reading is desirable.

Course overview
In Classical Studies students learn about the history, literature, society and culture of the classical civilisations of Greece and Rome. Students will study three topics – at least one from Section A and one from Section B. In addition, each student must undertake a Research Essay in an area of specialty or interest.

Section A: Literature
Topic 1: Greek Epic
Topic 2: Greek Drama
Topic 3: Roman Poetry

Section B: History, Society and Culture
Topic 4: Greek Society, 5th Century BC
Topic 5: Greek History, 500–479 BC
Topic 6: Roman History, 70–28 BC
Topic 7: Greek Religion
Topic 8: Greek and Roman Material Culture, 7th Century BC to 2nd Century AD

Section C: Special Study
Students undertake a Research Essay.

Assessment
School-based assessment
• Folio 30%
• Essays 40%

External assessment
• Special Study 30%

Pathways
The study of Classical Studies provides the basis for a wide range of pathways including areas such as archaeology, administration, business, government, law and politics, the arts, education, entertainment, theology, journalism, publishing and the mass media, museums, and tourism.

Further information
Classics has a broad appeal and is of particular interest to those students who enjoy English and/or History.