To not know about your past is to forever remain a child.  

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Ancient History

Preliminary and HSC Course

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What do I learn about?

Ancient History pick ups where you left off studying the ancient world back in year 8 but then takes you far beyond. The course opens with the skills of the archaeologist and the problems they create—from treasure hunting to modern day forensics. You can then choose from a huge range of case studies drawn from all around the world, some familiar like the entombed terracotta warriors of China to lesser known studies like those of the Mayans in Central America. You also get to research a question you are interested in and have it count for your marks. In the final year of the course the archaeology continues looking into Pompeii and Herculaneum—the two towns destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Vesuvius. From there a personality study, a period study and a society study drawn anywhere from Greece, Rome, Egypt or the Near East. Sounds interesting—choose the course.

Does it count for the HSC?

Definitely — and a category A subject at that. The subject is so well regarded that it has an extension course for the HSC that is all about the philosophy of History.

What jobs can I get out of it?

Anything working with people, archaeologist, school teacher, museum curator, tour guide, heritage officer, university research, archivist…. Ask your teacher how it would help you in the job you are after.

How do I know if I should do the course?

Do you love studying History—I mean find it interesting, go out of your way to watch some Discovery or History channel show on a topic you are really into? Do you write well? Passion + Skill + Teaching = Success.