KEEP CALM AND DO SOCIETY & CULTURE

Society and Culture

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What do I learn about?
Like nothing you have learnt at school, this subject looks at the society you live in and why it is like it is. Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Behavioral Science—the topics you just don’t teach to kids, but would talk to young adults about. The course sets the broad field of what the world is like and what has been learnt about societies and cultures through a range of case studies such as Samoa, Papua New Guinea, African and Asian countries. We then focus in on you—Personal and Social Identity—and finally put it all into practice for intercultural communication, looking at Japan. In the HSC course it is all about applying what you have learnt—to popular cultures like the world of surfing, to belief systems (not just religion) and to understand how and why societies change. Added to this is a Personal Interest Project (PIP) which you do in year 12 and can earn 30 marks for your HSC before the examination. But be ready for it—that PIP takes some serious effort. Sounds interesting—choose this subject.

Does it count for the HSC?
Definitely does and is a category A subject at that.

What jobs can I get out of it?
Anything working with people, school teacher, museum curator, university research, psychologist, counselor, policy adviser, social worker, childcare worker, human relations... Ask your teacher how it would help you in the job you are after.

Understanding the world you live in from a whole new perspective

How do I know if I should do the course?
Do you enjoy understanding people—who they are and why they are like that?

Or thinking about yourself?

Are you interested in cultures around the world and their differences?

Are you able to write well—or at least willing to practice it?