

# Society & Culture



A senior course offered by the  
History Faculty

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*If you're interested in people,  
cultures, travelling, social issues,  
learning about yourself and the  
world around you, then Society  
and Culture may be for you!*



# What is Society & Culture?

- A study of foreign and our own societies, cultures, people, groups and the environments they live in.
- It is the high school equivalent of sociology, psychology and anthropology
- The related junior elective subject is *International Studies*
- It has elements of psychology, philosophy, political thought and other disciplines

"Society and Culture has opened my eyes to the world around me and has made me more aware of the many past and on-going issues facing society."  
-Madeline Year 12 SAC Class



# Course Overview

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## Preliminary Course

- The Social and Cultural World
- Personal and Social Identity
- Intercultural Communication

## HSC Course

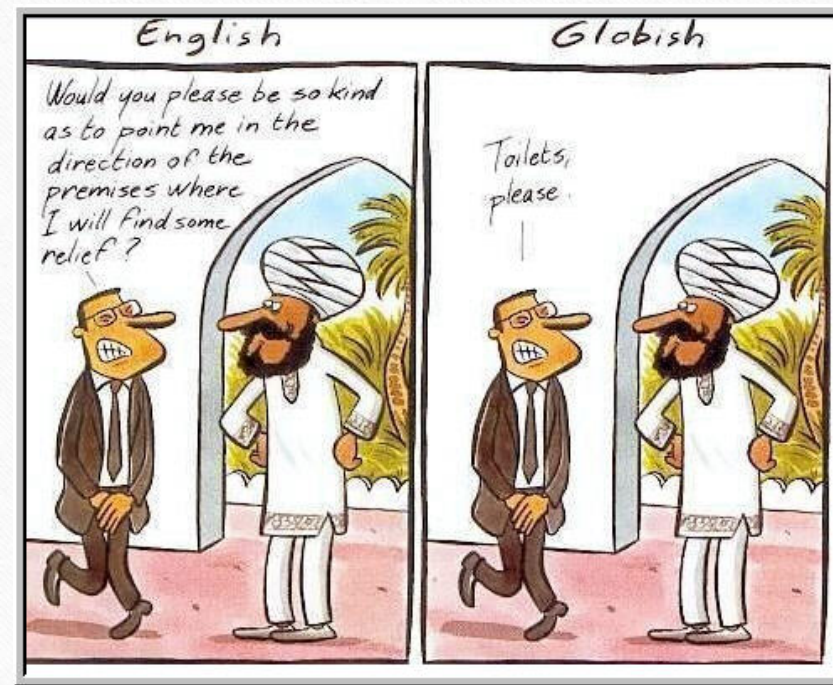
- Social and Cultural Continuity and Change
- Personal Interest Project
- TWO Depth Studies from:
  - Belief Systems and Ideologies (Buddhism)
  - Social Inclusion and Exclusion (The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders)
  - Popular Culture
  - Social Conformity and Non Conformity



# Course Overview

“SAC's discussion based learning is awesome as it ensures stronger bonds with your teacher and peers”  
Claire in Year 12

Preliminary – Year 11 Topics	HSC – Year 12 Topics
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# Year 11 Topics

Some of what you will learn:

**“Classes are always fun and engaging, as well as informative and relevant to our studies. Being able to choose the topic for my major work was also a massive plus and has made me more inclined and eager to research into it.”**  
Maddie, in Year 12 2017

- About the nature of *society* and *culture*
- To compare and contrast your own cultural experience to foreign cultures such as the Amish, Kalahari Bushmen or Maasai.
- About how people develop their identities
- The experience of adolescence and rites of passage
- Communicating across cultures
- Communication in a foreign culture such as China, India or Indonesia etc.

# Year 12 Topics

Some of what you will learn :

“You learn skills (e.g. footnoting and citation techniques) in high school that people use in uni, so when you go to uni, you’re technically one step ahead already.” – Ms Kshetrapal’s students...



- How our societies/cultures have changed and how they have remained the same over time
- Globalisation, westernisation, industrialisation and modernisation
- Social Inclusion and Exclusion: prejudice and discrimination within Australia and across the world
- Belief Systems: beliefs and values with a focus study on Buddhism



# The P.I.P.

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- The PIP is the Personal Interest Project
- It is undertaken from Term 4 next year (Year 12 HSC Course)
- It is a major project in which students devise their own topic, conduct sociological research and present their findings.
- It's an invaluable and interesting opportunity to explore social and cultural issues of interest to you, and to develop your social literacy, communication and research skills.

# Skills You Will Develop

- Empathy and Perspective
- Research skills: questionnaires, focus groups, interviews, secondary research
- Written communication skills
- Oral communication skills



Overall, S&C coursework and the PIP will prepare you well for university

Society and Culture has proven to be that special subject I smile at when I see it on my timetable. Yes I know right, feeling excited to go to class. (pick SAC if you wish to feel this way \*wink\*). Being able to have more of a say in what I learn and study has benefited me greatly (yes I'm talking about the PIP, and it's honestly really enjoyable for me personally). The content is very manageable and lessons are always entertaining. I HIGHLY encourage choosing this wonderful subject. (Plus, it links to many other subjects which really helps, and the fact it's only a 2hr HSC exam is awesome. Yes, only a 2hr exam.) – Jay in Year 12



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**THE SOCIAL AND  
CULTURAL WORLD**





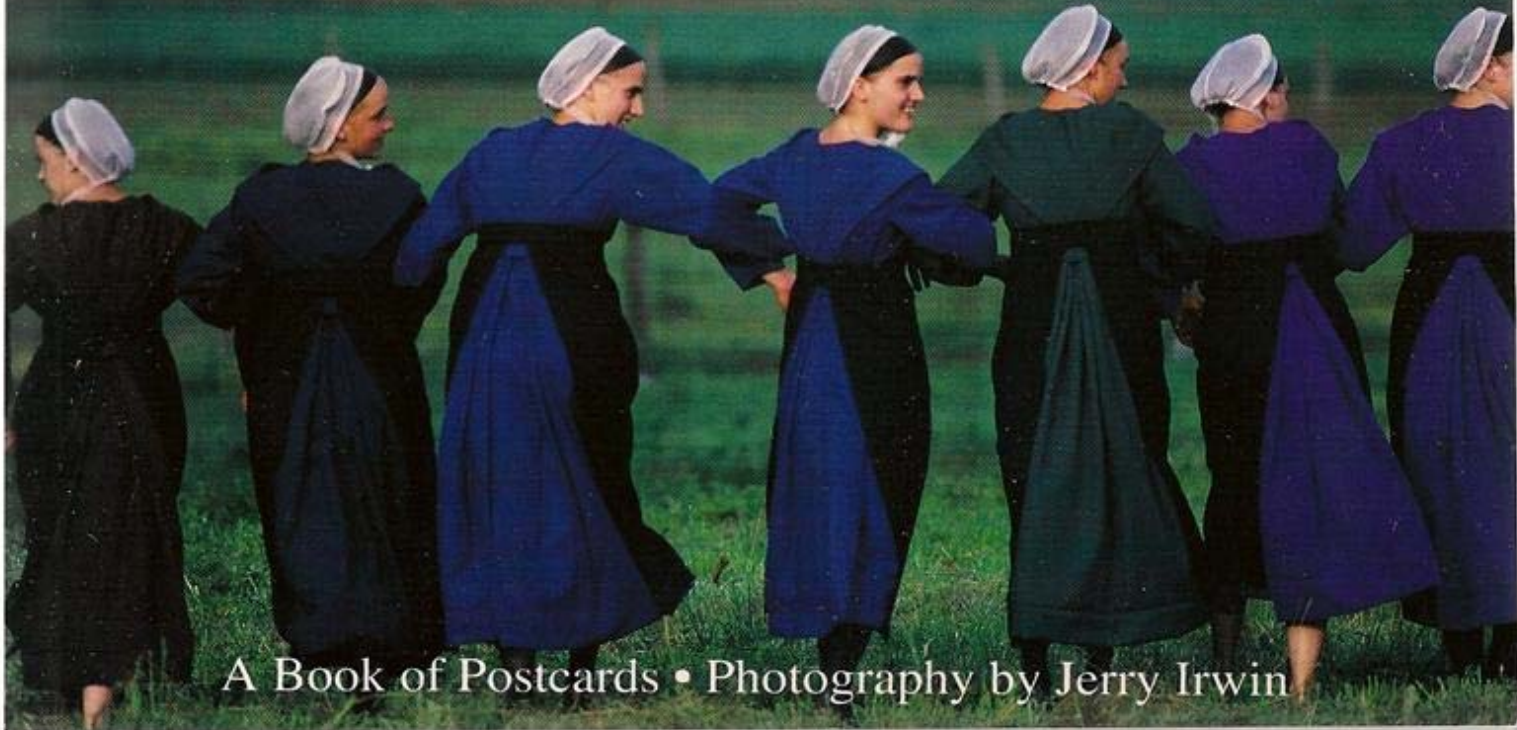
**Society & Culture is about: PEOPLE**





Society & Culture is  
about: CULTURES

# THE AMISH WAY



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# *Fiji*



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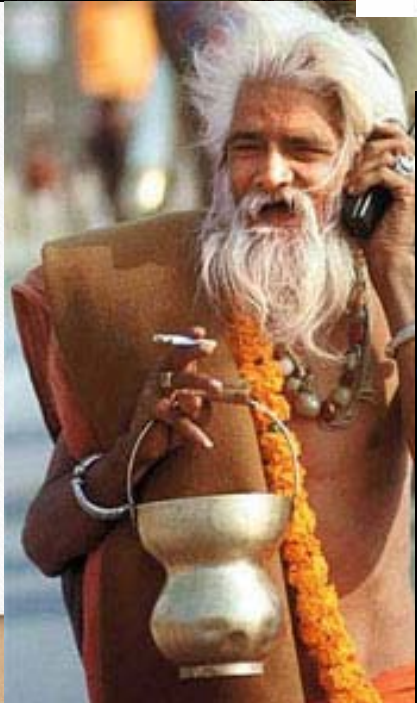


*The Kalahari  
Bushmen*





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about: CHANGE**







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about:  
**COMMUNICATION**





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**COMMUNICATION**





Globalisation

Society & Culture is  
about: **SOCIAL  
CHANGE**







Americanisation

Society & Culture is about: **SOCIAL CHANGE**





# GENDER We Can Do It!



Masculine



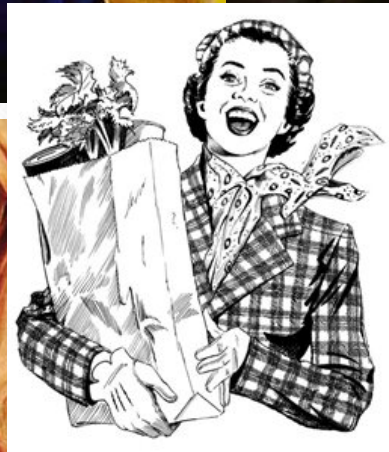
Feminine



GENDER ROLES past and present (change)



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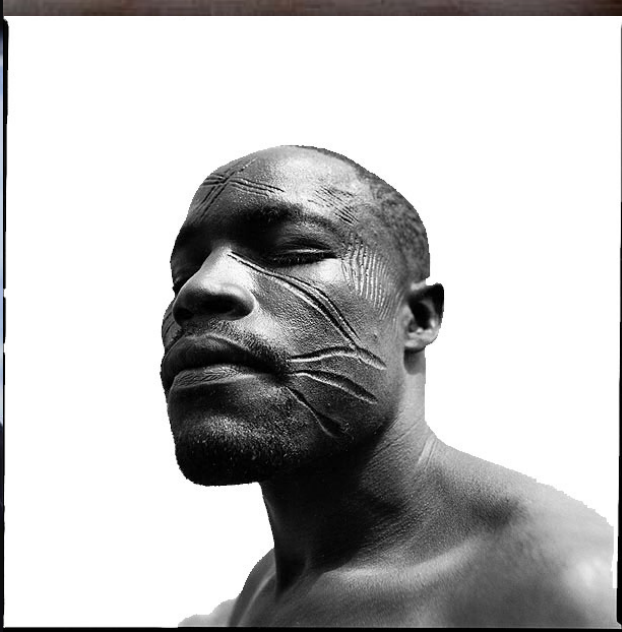
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**COMING OF AGE:**  
Initiation, rites of  
passage



# GROUPS AND SUB CULTURES



Goths



Cyberpunks



Cadets



Surfies



Preppy



Emo





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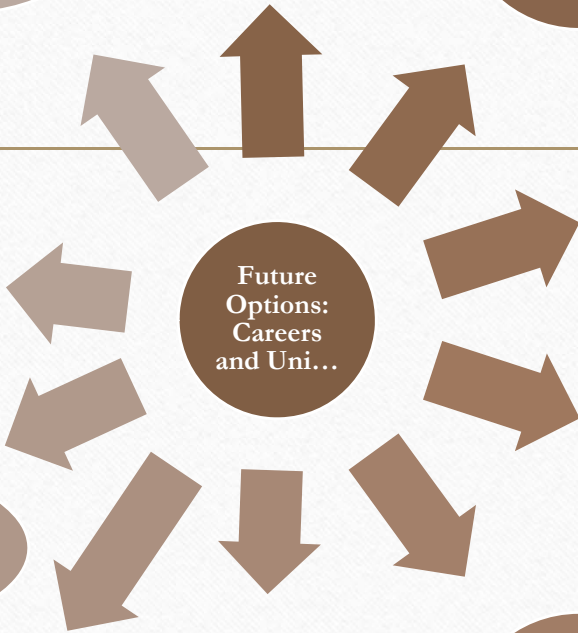
Social Work /  
Youth Worker,  
Charity Work



Hospitality  
and working  
with people



Many others:  
- Business & Economics  
- Sociology  
- Anthropology



Teaching and  
Education

Tourism and  
Travel

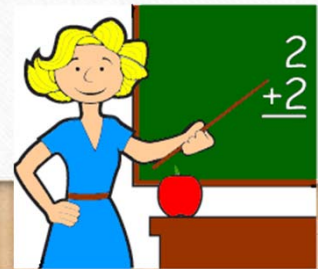
University research and  
communication skills



Journalism /  
Writing based  
careers

Politics and  
Law / Lawyer

Psychology,  
Counselling



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A Quick Reflection

*The Global Village*





GLOBAL VILLAGE

If you woke up this morning with more  
health than illness...

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You're more blessed than **the one million**  
who will not survive this week.





If you have never experienced

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- the danger of battle,





*Child soldiers*

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- The loneliness of imprisonment





A refugee child's drawing whilst in Woomera Detention Centre, South Australia

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- The agony of torture

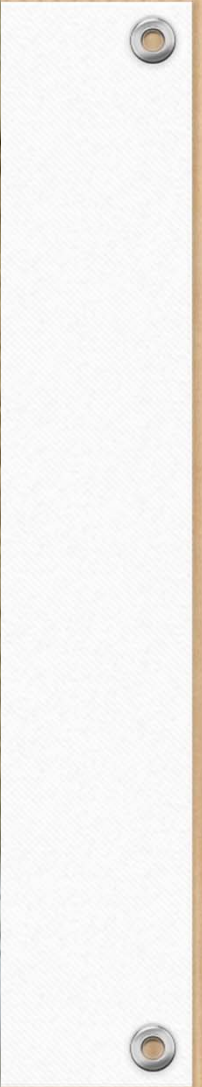


execution



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- Or the pangs of starvation









Then you are better  
off than 500 million  
people in the world

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If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep

You are richer than 75% of people in the world





# HOMELESS IN AMERICA







If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change somewhere...

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You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy









If you can read  
this you are more  
blessed than over  
two billion  
people in the  
world who  
cannot read at all







**If your parents are  
still alive and still  
married...**

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**you are very rare,  
even in Australia**



If you can attend a church meeting  
without fear of harassment, arrest,  
torture, or death...

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You are more blessed than three  
billion\* people in the world who  
cannot...









# humanity

1. THE HUMAN RACE, HUMAN BEINGS COLLECTIVELY 2. THE QUALITY OF BEING HUMAN  
A KINDNESS OR GRACE 4. (U) THE STUDY OF LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS  
- FAITHFULNESS & HOLINESS, KINDHEARTEDNESS, CONSIDERATION, CHARITABLENESS  
CONFIDENCE, COURTESY, HOSPITALITY, GOODWILL, REVERENCE, COMPASSION,  
GRACEFULNESS, GRACE, BENIGNITY, GENTLENESS, WARMTH, GENEROSITY, FAITH,  
COURTEOUSNESS, GRACIOUSNESS, HOSPITALITY, UNDERSTANDING,  
SYMPATHY, SELF-DENIAL



‘if you judge people, you leave no room  
for love’ – Mother Theresa





*compassion*





acceptance





*dignity*



IT IS NOT ENOUGH  
TO BE COMPASSIONATE.  
YOU MUST ACT.

4th Edition, Brenda Cyman  
Fourthward Child Care, 1992

technology

power

environments

values

Culture

change

time

Social awareness

gender

communication

Social  
institutions

traditions

groups

people

