The making of the Modern World

The year 9 curriculum provides a study of the history of the making of the modern world from 1750 to 1918. It was a period of industrialisation and rapid change in the ways people lived, worked and thought. It was an era of nationalism and imperialism, and the colonisation of Australia was part of the expansion of European power. The period culminated in World War I, the ‘war to end all wars’.

The content provides opportunities to develop historical understanding through key concepts, including evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability. These concepts may be investigated within a particular historical context to facilitate an understanding of the past and to provide a focus for historical inquiries.

The history content at this year level involves two strands: Historical Knowledge and Understanding and Historical Skills. These strands are interrelated and should be taught in an integrated way; and in ways that are appropriate to specific local contexts. The order and detail in which they are taught are programming decisions.

A framework for developing students’ historical knowledge, understanding and skills is provided by inquiry questions through the use and interpretation of sources. The key inquiry questions at this year level are:

- What were the changing features of the movements of people from 1750 to 1918?
- How did new ideas and technological developments contribute to change in this period?
- What was the origin, development, significance and long term impact of imperialism in this period?
- What was the significance of World War I?

CONTRIBUTES TO OP: N/A

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:
1. Industrial Revolution
   Essay exam
2. Developing a nation
   Advertisement (written or spoken)
3. World War I
   Persuasive speech

CAREER PATHWAYS: The study of History has direct relevance to the careers of teaching and archaeology, but also in the fields of journalism, law, politics, art, travel, religion and anthropology.

COSTS: General costs are covered in the Student Resource Scheme.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES: NIL