

# Social & Community Studies

## Applied senior subject

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Social & Community Studies fosters personal and social knowledge and skills that lead to self-management and concern for others in the broader community. It empowers students to think critically, creatively and constructively about their future role in society.

Knowledge and skills to enhance personal development and social relationships provide the foundation of the subject. Personal development incorporates concepts and skills related to self-awareness and self-management, including understanding personal characteristics, behaviours and values; recognising perspectives; analysing personal traits and abilities; and using strategies to develop and maintain wellbeing.

The focus on social relationships includes concepts and skills to assist students engage in constructive interpersonal relationships, as well as participate effectively as members of society, locally, nationally or internationally. Students engage with this foundational knowledge and skills through a variety of topics that focus on lifestyle choices, personal finance, health, employment, technology, the arts, and Australia's place in the world, among others.

In collaborative learning environments, students use an inquiry approach to investigate the dynamics of society and the benefits of working thoughtfully with others in the community, providing them with the knowledge and skills to establish positive relationships and networks, and to be active and informed citizens.

## Pathways

Pathways for a course of study in Social and Community Studies (Applied) focus on building foundational life skills, fostering personal, interpersonal, and citizenship skills, and preparing students for vocational training, employment, or further education. It serves as a tailored pathway to gain QCE credits and prepare for community services careers

## Objectives

1. Explain personal and social concepts and skills.
2. Examine personal and social information.
3. Apply personal and social knowledge.
4. Communicate responses.
5. Evaluate projects.

## Structure

Tourism is a four-unit course of study. This syllabus contains five QCAA-developed units as options for schools to select from to develop their course of study.

Unit option	Unit title
Unit option A	Lifestyle and financial choices
Unit option B	Healthy choices for mind and body
Unit option C	Relationships and work environments

Unit option D	Legal and digital citizenship
Unit option E	Australia and it's place in the world
Unit option F	Arts and Identity

## Assessment

Students complete two assessment tasks for each unit. The assessment techniques used in Social and Community Studies are:

Technique	Description	Response requirements
Investigation	An inquiry-based task requiring you to research a social issue beyond your existing knowledge. You collect and examine information—often regarding contemporary topics like "World of Work" or "Australia as a Global Citizen"—to form a considered response.	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 7 minutes, 10 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>• Spoken: up to 7 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>• Written: up to 1000 words</li> </ul>
Project	A comprehensive task where you respond to a specific scenario and evaluate the development process. This often includes a practical component, like a performance or product, and is designed to assess your ability to plan and execute a solution over an extended period.	<p><b>Product</b></p> <p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 5 minutes, 6 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>• Spoken: up to 4 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>• Written: up to 600 words</li> </ul> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal (at least two modes delivered at the same time): up to 3 minutes, 6 A4 pages, or equivalent digital media</li> <li>• Spoken: up to 3 minutes, or signed equivalent</li> <li>• Written: up to 500 words</li> </ul>
Extended Response	A deep-dive analysis into a single issue or stimulus material related to topics such as money management or law matters.	These can be presented as written reports (up to 1,000 words), spoken presentations (up to 7 minutes), or multimodal formats.