

Geography

LEVEL 1

Credits: 26

Leads onto: Level 2 Geography

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, about the world in which we live. It is the combination of understanding the dynamics of physical landscapes and the environment with that of man's ability to interact within them.

At Year 11 we will undertake seven Achievement Standards. 14 credits will be available for internal assessment in four separate standards and 12 credits will be offered in three standards for external assessment at the end of the year.

This course looks at issues related to the natural landscape in different parts of the world and in New Zealand. Students will learn about extreme natural events such as earthquakes and how people respond to these hazards, with reference to the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. Students will also study New Zealand population ways in which people use landscapes for economic activities as well as build an understanding of geographic concepts and skills by applying them to a variety of case studies.

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LEVEL 2

Credits: 26

Leads onto: Level 3 Geography

Geography is unique in bridging the social sciences (human geography) with the natural sciences (physical geography).

During the Level 2 course students will undertake a diverse course that depicts the two sciences in the study of the South Island High Country in which the students take part in a field trip to the Cromwell/Wanaka area in the first term. Through this study students gain an appreciation of how our country has evolved and changed and the human uses of the area.

The course will also look at ways cities grow and change, with special reference to Dunedin, Auckland and London. Geographic concepts and skills are further developed by applying them to a variety of case studies and topics such as human trafficking which is covered in an internally assessed achievement standard. Computer mapping and modeling is a growing skill and is a new subject that will be integrated into Year 12 Geography in 2014.

At Year 12 we will undertake seven Achievement Standards. 14 credits will be available for internal assessment in four separate standards and 12 credits will be offered in three standards for external assessment at the end of the year.

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LEVEL 3

Credits: 26

Leads onto: Tertiary Study

Geography provides an ideal framework for relating to other fields of knowledge. It is a subject that can be taken up at any level at Kaikorai Valley College and complements a number of subjects offered at the school. Geography is one of the most employable degree subjects owing to the wide range of concepts and skills obtained during the course.

In Year 13 Geography you will study the world and the place of people in the world. As geographers we understand that field trips are an important learning tool for students and a field trip to Karitane Peninsula will take place early in the year to find out how this landscape has evolved and been shaped over time.

You will become knowledgeable about important cultural processes, such as tourism and migration which will be studied in a New Zealand and European context. Planning is an area in which many geographers become employed and you will study how an event is planned and organised. Topics can range from the organisation of Stage Challenge to that of ID Fashion Week; there are many possibilities for study in this area.

Geographic concepts and skills are further developed this year and are applied to all aspects of this course.

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