

Secondary Activities

Curriculum Links

Year 9

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 the First World War 1914-1918, the “war to end all wars”.

This content provides opportunities to develop historical understanding through key concepts including sources, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy and significance.

Depth study:

First World War

Students investigate key aspects of the First World War and the Australian experience of the war, including the nature and significance of the war in the world and Australian history.

First World War (1914 – 1918)

- The places where Australians fought and the nature of warfare during the First World War.
- The impact of the First World War, with a particular emphasis on Australia (for example, the use of propaganda to influence the civilian population, the changing role of women, the conscription debate).
- The commemoration of the First World War, including debates about the nature and significance of the Anzac legend.

Curriculum Links

Year 10

The Modern World and Australia

The Year 10 curriculum provides a study of the history of the modern world and Australia from 1918 to the present, with an emphasis on Australia in its global context. The twentieth century became a critical period in Australia's social, cultural, economic and political development. The transformation of the modern world during a time of political turmoil, global conflict and international cooperation provides a necessary context for understanding Australia's development, its place within the Asia-Pacific region, and its global standing.

Depth study:

Second World War

Students investigate wartime experiences through an in-depth study of the Second World War. This includes a study of the causes, events, outcome and broader impact of the conflict as an episode in world history, and the nature of Australia's involvement.

Second World War (1939-45)

- The experiences of Australians during the Second World War (for example, prisoners of war, the Battle of Britain, Kokoda, the fall of Singapore).
- The impact of the Second World War, with a particular emphasis on the Australian home front, including the changing roles of women and use of wartime government controls.
- The significance of the Second World War to Australia's international relationships in the twentieth century, with particular reference to the United Nations, Britain, the United States and Asia.