

Course Modern History		NESA Course Code: Preliminary 11270 HSC 15270
2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC year. Board Developed Course. DOES count in the 6 units of the Board Developed Courses required for the HSC. DOES count towards an ATAR. Exclusions: Nil		Course costs Yes
Success Criteria (what skills and aptitudes you need to have for success in this subject) An interest in investigation of the past Analytical skills Essay Writing Research Skills including using technology and multi-media Independent Learning Skills		
Course Description Modern History examines a variety of important people, issues and events from the 19 th and 20 th centuries. Areas of study may be Europe, North and South America, Asia, the Pacific, Africa and the Middle East and range from the slave trade to revolution and terrorism. The Preliminary course offers a wide choice in case studies. Topics include: Construction of Modern History, Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, Cuban Revolution, WWI and a Historical Investigation. HSC topics include: Power and Authority in the Modern World, 1919-1946, National Studies: USA, Conflict in the Pacific, Civil Rights in the US and the Nuclear Age.		
Main Topics Covered		
Preliminary Course	HSC Course	
Investigating Modern History The Nature of Modern History Case Studies Historical investigation The Shaping of the Modern World	Core Study: Power and Authority in the Modern World 1919-1946 National Studies Peace and Conflict Change in the Modern World	
Particular Course Requirements: Excursions usually include visits to Sydney University, Study Days and an interstate excursion.		
Assessment for the HSC Course		

External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
Section 1 – Source-based questions	25	Knowledge and understanding of course content	40
Section 2 – Extended response	25	Historical skills in the analysis and evaluation of sources and interpretations	20
Section 3 – Extended response	25	Historical inquiry and research	20
Section 4 – Three short answer questions	25	Communication of historical understanding in appropriate forms	20
Total	100		100

