



Keilor Downs College

PROGRESS THROUGH DISTINCTION

HUMANITIES

At Keilor Downs College, Humanities is an engaging subject for all students. Students study human societies and environments both in the past and the present. Humanities teaches the ideas and concepts that enable students to understand the way in which people and societies have organised their world under particular conditions and have made meaning of it.

The curriculum looks at the major domains of History and Geography, an introduction to Civics and Citizenship and Economics. These areas continue through to Year 10, which enables students to build solid knowledge banks for their VCE studies and future career paths. We also expose students to a variety of experiences such as excursions and incursions, as well as engaging the interest of each and every one of our students through interactive classroom teaching and assessment.

The Humanities Department encourages the use of research skills and inquiry processes. Students learn to plan an investigation and ask key questions. They analyse a range of data and sources including artefacts, documents, posters, cartoons, photographs, maps, stories, special events, interviews, site visits and electronic media. They form conclusions supported by evidence and present information in a variety of ways including topic tests, research tasks, digital media, models, role plays and audio visual displays.



Year 7 curriculum

- At Year 7, students are introduced to the study of History. They explore primary and secondary sources and the use of archaeological evidence. Through the study of Ancient Egypt and China, they are able to examine the legacies of Ancient Civilisations and make comparisons between their own lives and those of the Ancient Civilisations.
- In Geography, students investigate water as an example of a renewable environmental resource and the way that water is valued around the globe. Students also examine the factors that determine liveability and compare the liveability of Australia to another country.
- In Economics, students commence their understanding of the Australian Economy, how they fit into the picture and the importance of good spending and bad spending. They are taught about the value of production and the concept of need versus want.
- Lastly, in their Civics Unit, Year 7 students investigate what it means to be a good citizen, their rights and responsibilities and the idea of democracy. They are given the opportunity to work on a community group project which enables them to suggest an improvement to the community and take steps to enacting this improvement.

Key Features



Year 7 is an exciting, rewarding, engaging and thoroughly informative year for Humanities students.

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Humanities at KDC beyond Year 7

Following an exciting and engaging year in Year 7 Humanities the students continue their exploration of the key fields of History and Geography through to Year 9. They study a wide array of topics including medieval and Australian history, natural disasters and the environment and also parliament and laws.

In year 10 students are then given the opportunity to individualise their Humanities program which allows them to obtain a foundation and skills for their VCE studies. They are able to choose from a range of semester subjects including History, Accounting/Business Management, Legal Studies/Global Politics, Sociology/Geography.

VCE subjects

At the VCE level we aim to provide the students with many opportunities through the large number of subjects we offer. We expose the students to diverse avenues for tertiary study and possible career paths, while giving them an exciting and engaging experience in the classroom. We work positively with students to support them to reach their potential.

Our VCE offerings include:

- Accounting
- Australian & Global Politics
- Business Management
- History (20th Century & Revolutions)
- Legal Studies
- Sociology



Experiences outside the classroom:

- Excursions and incursions including the Medieval Experience, the Holocaust Museum, the Melbourne Museum, IMAX Theatre, Indigenous guest speaker
- Various seminars including VCE preparation seminars and events
- Conventions related to key topics including the constitutional convention
- Opportunities for competitions in the different subject areas including the business game
- Celebrating Humanities during “Humanities Week”

