

Geography

Level 1

Course Requirements:

Open entry.

If you liked the parts of Social Studies that covered volcanoes and earthquakes, tropical rainforests, global trade, the Polynesian migration, current events and working with maps, you will enjoy Geography.

Aims:

Geography is the study of planet earth as the home of people. Its main purpose is to help all humans use resources in a way that will improve our standards of living and quality of life, without ruining the resources we are using and without making things worse for the generations to come. Level one focuses on Natural Hazards (hurricanes and volcanoes) and how we cope with them, how the population is changing, and how we use resources.

Course Content:

The course will cover:

Four Achievement Standards. Four of these are assessed externally (by exam) and three by internal assessment during the year. One internal standard includes the volcanoes field trip. The resources field trip helps with end of year exams.

Where can this subject take you?

Geography is particularly helpful for employment in the environment, like rangers, surveyors, agriculture and horticulture, and in high paying professions like planning or managing how land is used in towns and cities.

Further Assessment Opportunity and Resubmission

(Refer to student Handbook for more information)

A further assessment opportunity occurs after you have submitted work / sat a test for an assessment; you do a new assessment after further learning has taken place.

For this course there will be one further assessment opportunity for each standard.

A resubmission can be offered to you by the teacher if they believe you can correct errors or omissions in your work in a short period of time; it does not involve a new assessment. A resubmission must take place before the teacher gives any feedback on the work done. There can be only one resubmission.

Appeals (Please refer to student Handbook for more information)

If you are unhappy with any of your results you should discuss this with your teacher. If you are still unhappy then an Appeals form should be completed; this is available from the HoF; forms need to be completed and returned to your HoF within 5 school days of receiving your grade. If you are still not happy you can then see the Principal's Nominee. At NO time, during this process, should you contact NZQA.

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Assessment Chart

Number	Title	Credits	US/AS	Internal/ External	Format	Literacy	Numeracy	Indicative date
91010	Apply concepts and basic geographic skills to demonstrate understanding of a given environment	4	AS	Ext	Test		L1 Num	Term 4
91011	Conduct geographic research, with direction.	4	AS	Int	Research	L1 Lit	L1 Num	Term 3
91013	Describe aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale.	3	AS	Int	Test	L1 Lit		Term 2
91012	Describe aspects of a contemporary NZ geographic issue	3	AS	Int	Test	L1 Lit		Term 1

Note: Standard 91007 may be added – time permitting

Entry into externals will be based on:

1. Whether you have adequately covered the work to be assessed; that is, you have been in class and actively engaged with learning the content and skills to be assessed.
2. The results of a discussion between you and your teacher about the appropriateness of you being entered into the external(s).