

# Global Politics

## Units 3-4

In this unit students investigate the key global actors of contemporary global politics. They use evidence to analyse the key global actors and their aims, roles and power. They develop an understanding of the key actors through an in-depth examination of the concepts of national interests and power as they relate to the state, and the way in which one Asia-Pacific state uses power to achieve its objectives.

### UNIT 3

#### Global Actors

Power in the Pacific. In this area of study students examine the key actors in contemporary global politics: states, Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs), non-state actors, and a Transnational Corporation (TNC). Students examine the way in which a specific Asia-Pacific state uses its power to pursue its national interests, and explore the factors that have shaped that state's national interests in the last ten years.

#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Case study research, internet investigations and oral presentations.

#### KEY SKILLS REQUIRED

Analytical reading and research, summarising, formal writing and synthesising evidence to draw conclusions, close reading and note taking and participation in class discussion.

#### ASSESSED TASKS

Short answer tests, essays, multimedia presentations, case studies or extended responses.

### UNIT 4

#### Ethical Issues and Debates

Global Crises. In this area of study students examine debates about two global ethical issues. They use the concepts of realism and cosmopolitanism as a framework for analysing these issues and debates. Students investigate the causes of two global crises. They also investigate the effectiveness of the responses from relevant global actors and the main challenges to effective resolution.

#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Case study research, internet investigations and oral presentations.

#### KEY SKILLS REQUIRED

Close reading and note taking, participation in class discussion, analytical reading and research, summarising, formal writing and synthesising evidence to draw conclusions.

#### ASSESSED TASKS

Short answer tests, essays, multimedia presentations, case studies or extended responses and an end of year written examination.

#### VCAA ASSESSMENT – The overall Study Score will consist of:

School Assessed Coursework Unit 3 (25%), School Assessed Coursework Unit 4 (25%), 2 hour written examination in November (50%).