

Integrated Humanities Unit

The Integrated Humanities Unit (IHU) for Year 7 students is a combination of three subjects: English, Geography, and History. The course is divided into two semester units, and the content is applied to real-world contexts and problem-solving. Through the integration of humanities concepts of livability and early/ancient civilisations and their cultural practices, for example, students are able to make connections between historical and geographic concepts and understandings, and the audience and purpose for which a particular text has been created.

In Semester 1, students study global environments, narrative structure, livability, and persuasive language. In Semester 2, students study the mechanics of language, Ancient Greece, Ancient China, and a fictional novel. The core of our teaching centres around developing practical, life-long habits through organisation and hard work.

Students have opportunities to learn in three unique learning spaces. These are:

- Collaborative Spaces – These team-taught spaces focus on cooperation and group-work, practical hands-on activities, exploration and discovery.
- Class Spaces (Explicit Teaching) – These spaces are reserved for one-on-one interactions with the classroom teacher. Here, there is an additional focus on developing practical skills and learning habits.
- Inquiry Spaces – These spaces inspire students to approach learning with confidence and purpose.

We seek to inspire independence in each and every student at St John Paul II College. In IHU, students question, students act, and students overcome. No journey is too hard, and no task is too large. We learn together, and we achieve together.

Each week IHU students also have opportunities for extension work, which endeavours to develop skills and knowledge for the future. Our mission is not to simply impart a set of facts, but to draw out the hunger to learn. The results are often spectacular!