



Geography – mandatory 7-10

Junior elective subjects

- Commerce Yr8
- Commerce Yr 9 - 100 / 200 hr
- Geography Yr8

Senior Subjects

- Business Studies
- Economics
- Geography
- Legal Studies

Social Science.



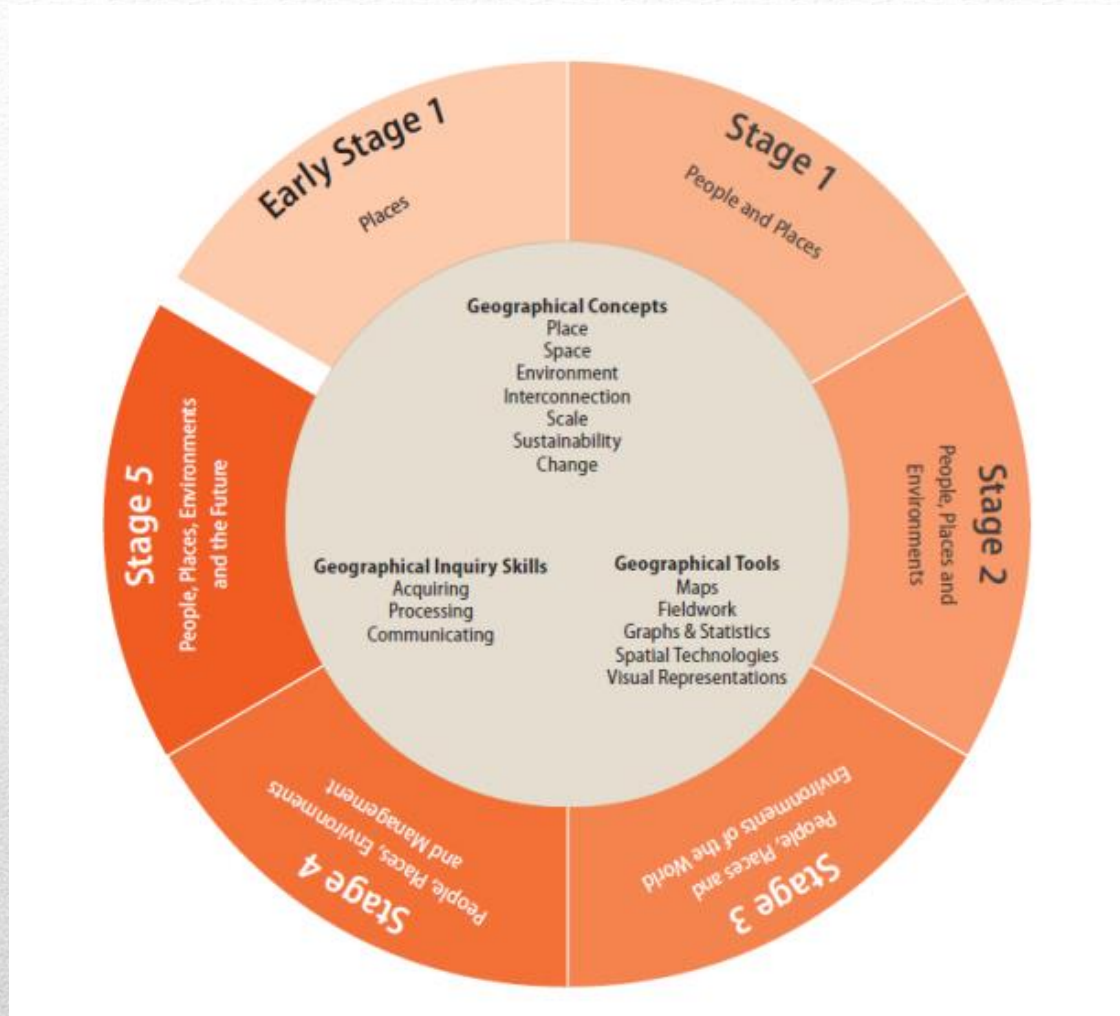
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YEAR 8

GEOGRAPHY



Organisation of Content

Water in the World

- Why does the spatial distribution of water resources vary globally and within countries?
- How do natural and human processes influence the distribution and availability of water as a resource?
- What effect does the uneven distribution of water resources have on people, places and environments?
- What approaches can be used to sustainably manage water resources and reduce water scarcity?

Place and Liveability

- Why do people's perceptions of the liveability of places vary?
- What effect does environmental quality and access to services have on people's wellbeing?
- How can strong community identity and social connectedness enhance the liveability of places?
- What approaches can be used to improve the liveability of places?

Topics for Grade 8

Year 7 Content

- Latitude and Longitude
- Topographic map skills
- Fieldwork skills including instrument use
- Graphs

Year 8 Content

- Review year 7 skills plus
- Bearings
- Climate Graphs

Skill development for Grade 8



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Year 8 Geography Assessment Schedule 2021

Semester 1/2

	Task 1	Task 2
Due Date	Term 1/3 Week 10	Term 2/4 Week 6 (Exam Week)
Task Description	Inquiry Based Research Task (Water in the World / Place and Liveability) swapped each Semester	Semester Test All content
Weighting	50%	50%
Outcomes Assessed	GE4-4, GE4-5, GE4-8	GE4-1, GE4-2, GE4-3, GE4-7
Report outcome	1	2
When Reported	Semester 1/2	

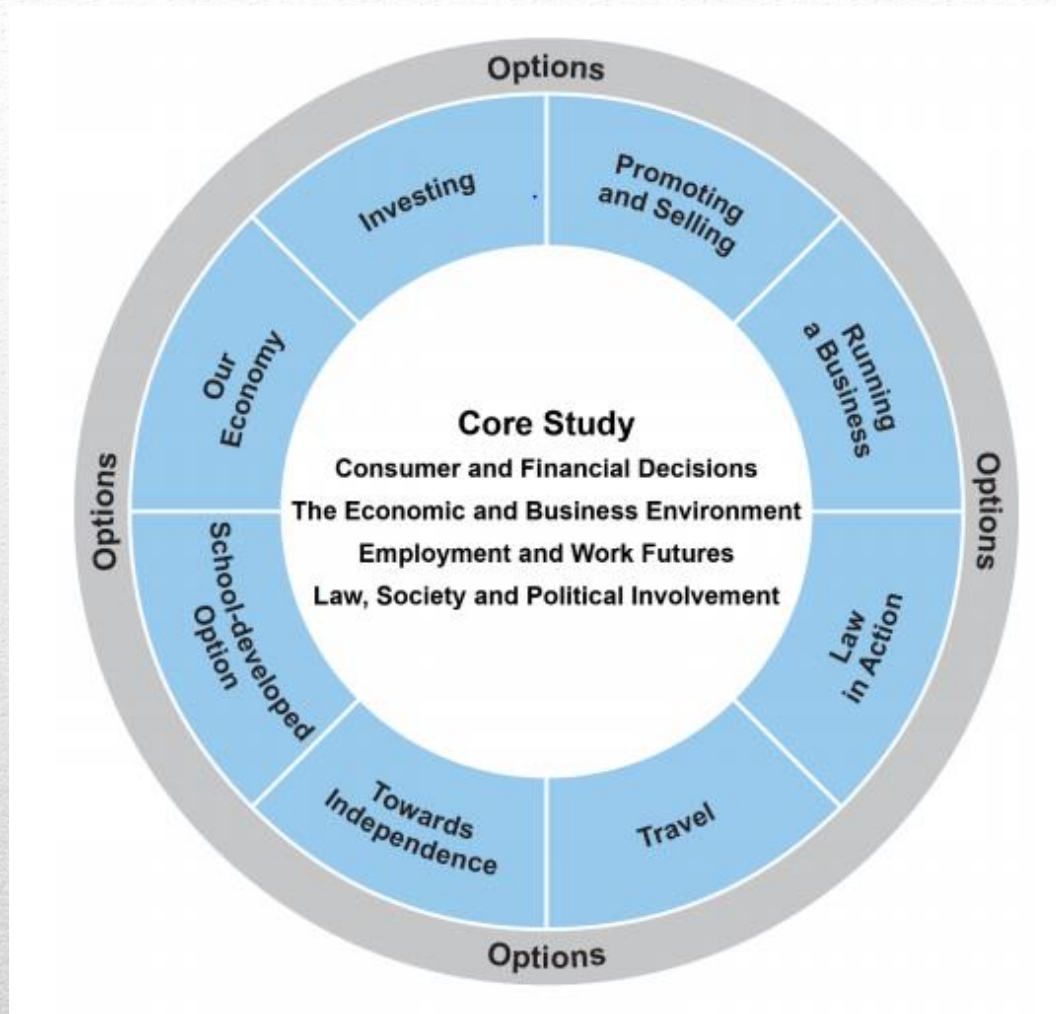
Report Outcomes

1	Discusses management of places and environments for their sustainability.
2	Applies geographical skills and examines perspectives on a range of geographical issues



YEAR 8

COMMERCE



Organisation of Content

Promoting and Selling

- Students investigate the promotion and selling of goods and services including social, ethical and environmental considerations.
- They analyse the strategies that sellers use to promote products and maximise sales, and evaluate the impact on consumers.
- Skills to be integrated in this topic include: developing questions, gathering and processing relevant information, analysing familiar and new situations, evaluating options, developing and implementing plans, developing evidence-based conclusions/decisions and reasoned arguments, working independently and collaboratively.

Topic for Grade 8



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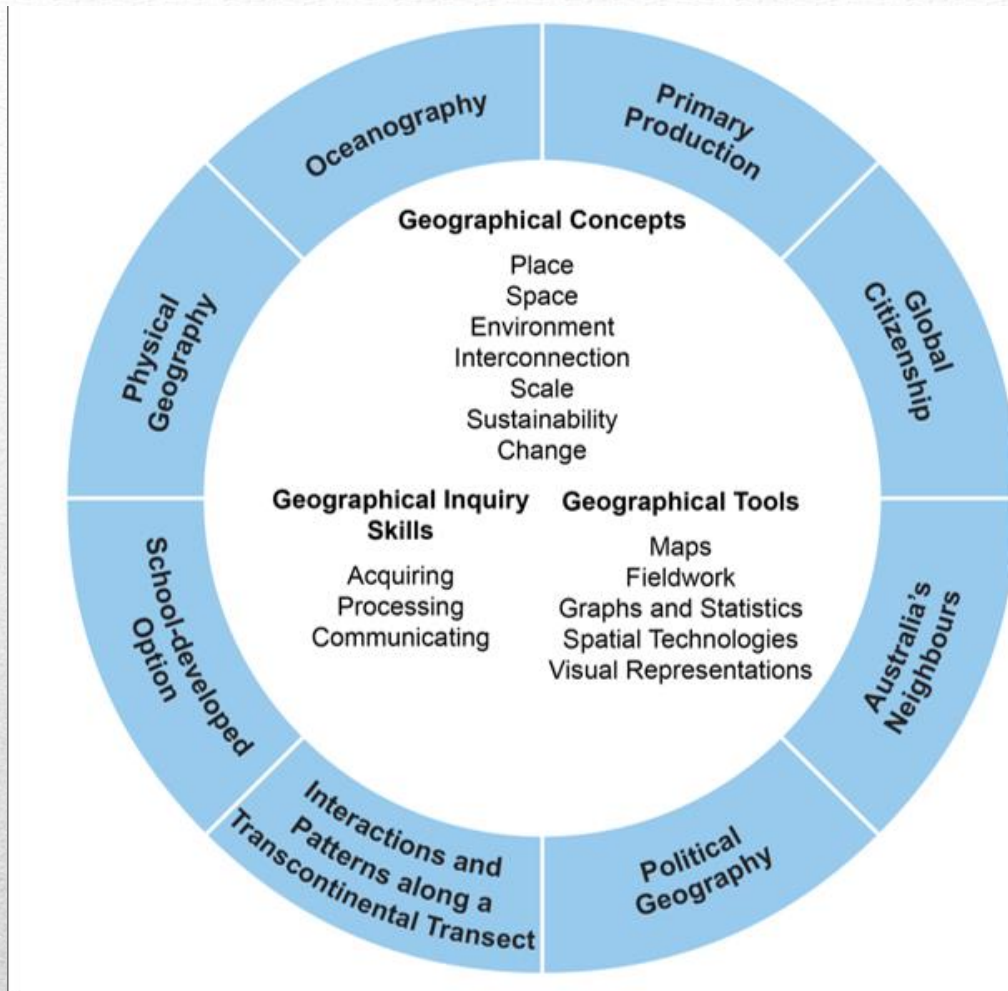
Year 8 Commerce Assessment Schedule 2021 Semester 1/2

	Task 1	Task 2
Due Date	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 8
Task Description	Westfield Centre Research Report	Commercial Report
Weighting	30% 50% 20% (classwork, bookwork, homework)	
Outcomes Assessed	COM4-1, COM4-2, COM4-4	COM4-6, COM4-7, COM4-8, COM4-9
Report outcome	1	2
When Reported	Semester 1 / 2	

Report Outcomes	
1	Investigate and report on key factors affecting commercial decisions
2	Demonstrates techniques used in promoting a product



YEAR 8 Oceanography (elective Geography)



Organisation of Content

Oceanography

- features of the world's oceans
- importance of the world's oceans,
- ownership of and control over ocean waters and resources
- **Investigative study**
- Choice from whaling, fishing, waste disposal, nuclear testing, rights of Indigenous Peoples, oil and mineral exploitation, shipping, tourism.

Topic for Grade 8

Year 8 Marine Studies Assessment Schedule 2021

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2
Task Type	Project based learning	Fieldwork Research Report
When Scheduled	Semester 2 Term 3	Semester 2 Term 4
Syllabus Outcomes	E5.1, E5.2, E5.5, E5.6	E5.1, E5.2, E5.3, E5.5, E5.7, E5.9
Report Outcomes	2	1
Course Mark Weightings (Overall Course Outcome Grade)	40% 40% + 20% (Classwork, Bookwork, Homework)	
Course Distinction Awards	These are determined as the top 10% in the Course Mark at the end of each semester reporting period	
Excellence in Year 8 Elective Geography Award	Semester Two Course Mark	

When Reported	Outcomes
Semester 2 Report	1. Investigates and reports on key factors affecting marine environments.
	2. Demonstrates knowledge, understanding and active environmental citizenship on a global issue relating to oceans.