



Mātai matawhenua – Te ako o te ao ko te kāinga o ngā tāngata.

Geography – The study of earth as the home of people

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



What is Geography?

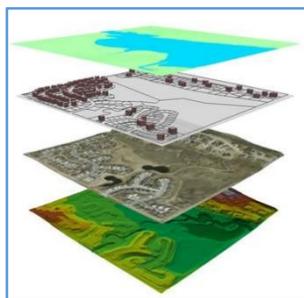
Geography is about the most important relationship of the 21st century – the relationship between humans and the environment. Often referred to as the world discipline, Geography brings together the social and natural sciences. Geographers literally 'write the earth' through mapping, visualisation and applied research.

Why study Geography at Year 12?

National Geographic describes Geography education as helping to build geo-literacy, *"an essential set of skills for 21st century citizens that enables people to make critical decisions."* The Year 12 Geography course builds on the skills covered at Level 1 by examining natural landscapes in New Zealand, conducting urban research in Wellington and learning about global issues. Geographic Information Systems and general mapping and fieldwork skills will be extended, as will writing skills through learning how to structure and write effective analytical reports. Students who do well at Geography have often gone on to study related subjects such as Geology, Environmental Science, Anthropology and Sociology, International Relations, Journalism and Economics.

Note: Students will be required to attend a three day field trip to Tongariro National Park

How is the course assessed?



The course is assessed through a combination of Internal and External Achievement Standards:

A Large Natural Environment (4 credits External) – Tongariro National Park

Differences in Development (4 credits External) -

Global Topic (3 credits Internal) – HIV/AIDS

A New Zealand Geographic Issue (3 credits Internal) – Freedom Camping

Research (5 credits Internal) – Environmental Research Based in Tongariro National Park

Geographic Information Systems (3 credits Internal) – The Dustbowl in the USA

Geographic Skills (4 credits External) – Topic chosen by the examiner



Where does Geography take me career wise?

“Early in my career, I told a friend that I was a professional outdoorsman who, jumps out of helicopters, rides quads, sleds, hikes and drives four-wheel trucks for a living.

*When he replied "Bull ****", I took him to work with me..."*

Mike Fretwell, President, Mission Geospatial Ltd



GEOGRAPHY IN THE WORKPLACE

Studying Geography in secondary school would be of benefit to the following careers.

Science / Engineering	Commerce	Environment	Planning / Design	Humanities
Remote sensing	Advertising	Forestry	Urban planner	Law
Surveying	Business Administration	Conservationist	Town planner	Administration
Meteorology	Eco-tourism	Agriculture	Social planner	Government service
Engineering	Market Research	Policy analyst	Architect	Teaching
Agricultural science	Public Relations	Recreation Management	Landscape architecture	Politics
Forest science	Retailing	Wildlife Management	Land development	Diplomatic Service
Geology	Transport	Environment monitoring	Cartography	Journalism
Hydrology	Manufacturing	Environment assessment	Surveying	Tourism
Vulcanology	Office Management	Hazard assessment	Transport planning	Education
Seismology	Real estate	Land Management	Electoral planning	Hospitality / Travel
Oceanography	Mining	Waste disposal management	Land use planning	Population planning
Mathematics / Computing	Land development	Energy planning	Physical Geography	Social work
Surveying	Industrial Planning		Hydrology	Social planning
Geographical Information Systems	Property management		Vulcanology	Emergency services
Remote sensing	Resource management		Seismology	Defence Forces
Cartography	Energy Planning		Oceanography	
			Meteorology	

Who should I speak with about taking Geography at school?

Mr Hoeksma is the Head of Humanities and teaches Geography: phoeksma@hibs.school.nz

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Where can I go on the web to find out more about Geography?

Check these out!

<https://this.deakin.edu.au/career/four-reasons-why-you-should-study-geography>

Rosenberg, Matt. "Why Study Geography?" ThoughtCo, Feb. 11, 2020, [thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605](https://www.thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605). <https://www.thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605>

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/geography/>

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore/study-areas/geography/overview>