



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?

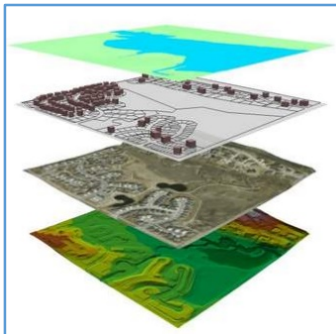
Geography is about the most important relationship of the 21st century – the relationship between humans and the environment. Often referred to as the world discipline, Geography brings together the social and natural sciences. Geographers literally 'write the earth' through mapping, visualisation and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

Why study Geography at Year 13?

The Year 13 Geography course looks to make links between the topics explored and studied previously and future potential career choices. Students study the processes at work in the local environment and conduct Environmental Science Fieldwork. They continue to expand their mapping and GIS skills and relate these to local planning issues. Global geographic issues are examined and presented through seminars and the tourism sector and its importance to New Zealand is analysed. As global and local pressure on resources continues to increase, Geography graduates are increasingly in demand in such occupations as Town Planners, Resource Management Consultants, Earth and Social Scientists, GIS Analysts and Surveyors.



How is the course assessed?



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

Tourism Development in NZ (4 credits Internal) – Rotorua

Global Topic (3 credits Internal) – Maritime Piracy

A Geographic Issue (3 credits Internal) – Sea level rise in the Pacific Islands

Research (5 credits Internal) – Environmental Research based in the local area

Geographic Information Systems (3 credits Internal) – planning for a tsunami in Lower Hutt

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 a 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>