What is Psychology all about?
Psychology is a broad discipline that incorporates both the scientific study of human behaviour through biological, psychological and social perspectives and the systematic application of this knowledge to personal and social circumstances in everyday life.
VCE Psychology enables students to explore how people think, feel and behave through the use of a bio psychosocial approach. As a scientific model, this approach considers biological, psychological and social factors and their complex interactions in the understanding of psychological phenomena. The study explores the connection between the brain and behaviour, the interplay between genetics and environment, individual differences and group dynamics, sensory perception and awareness, memory and learning, and mental health.

Areas of Study:

Unit 1:
• How does the brain function?
• What influences Psychological function
• Student-directed research investigation

Unit 2:
• What influences a person's perception of the world?
• How are people influenced?
• Student-directed practical investigation

Unit 3:
• How does the nervous system enable psychological functioning?
• How do people learn and remember?

Unit 4:
• How do levels of consciousness affect mental processes and behaviour?
• What influences mental wellbeing?
• Practical Investigation

Type of Assessments in this subject:
• Tests
• Annotations of practical activities
• Evaluation of Research
• Logbook Activities
• Data Analysis
• Structured questions

Key Skills developed through this area are:
• Research Skills
• Abstract thinking
• Analysis

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:
Psychologist  Health Officer  Social Worker  Police Officer
Teacher  Nurse  Marketing Manager  Human Resources Manager
Hospitality Worker

Additional information:
Psychology Units 1 and 2 are designed to prepare students for Psychology Units 3 and 4. Students are encouraged to have completed Units 1 and 2 to obtain the research skills and an understanding of basic psychological concepts required for success in Units 3 and 4.

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