What is Religion and Society all about?

VCE Religion and Society enables students to understand the complex interactions between religion and society over time. Students undertake a general study of religion and its interaction with society in the past and the present. They study specific religious traditions or denominations in societies where multiple worldviews coexist and consider both the collective and individual experiences of members as they engage with their religion. This study respects and encourages an open and objective inquiry, without partiality towards any one religion. Through the study of VCE Religion and Society students come to acknowledge the role of religion in shaping historical and present events. They explore times when religion dominated societies and the shifting role of religion in societies today in which multiple world views coexist and religion may be seen to have a lesser role. Religion and Society develops skills in research and analysis, helping students to become informed citizens and preparing them for work and further study in fields such as anthropology, theology, philosophy, sociology, journalism, politics and international relations.

Areas of Study:

**Unit 1: The role of Religion in Society**
- The nature and purpose of religion
- Religion throughout time
- Religion: The Australian Experience

**Unit 2: Religion and Ethics**
- Ethical and decision-making and moral judgement
- Religious viewpoints
- Ethical issues in society

**Unit 3: The search for Meaning**
- The nature and purpose of religion in the human search for meaning
- The expression of meaning through the dynamic aspects of religion
- Significant life experience, religious beliefs and faith

**Unit 4: Religion, Challenge and Change**
- Responses of religious traditions to significant challenges
- The interaction of religion and society when dealing with a significant challenge to a particular religion

Type of Assessments in this subject:

- A report
- An essay
- A case study
- Analytical exercises
- Structured questions
- Extended responses
- End-of-year examination

Key Skills developed through this area are:

- Analysis
- Comparison
- Evaluation
- Synthesize
- Explain
- Interpretation
- Application

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:

| Writer | Journalist | Cleric | Historian | Lawyer | Teacher |

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