What is Sociology all about?

Sociology is a modern area of study that examines social change, our identities and social relations. Sociology encourages us to become aware and to think about the everyday things we usually take for granted. For example, sociologists ask questions like: Why do we act in the ways we do? Why do we dress, eat and generally live in the ways we do? Students will be encouraged to question their assumptions and to reflect on their understandings and ideas about Australian Society.

Areas of Study:

Unit 1: Youth and Family
- The category of youth
- The experience of being young
- The Family

Unit 2: Crime and Deviance
- Deviant behaviour
- Moral panic
- Crime and punishment in Australia

Unit 3: Culture and Ethnicity
- Australian Indigenous Culture
- Ethnicity in Australian society

Unit 4: Community, Social Movements and Social Change
- The experience of community
- The impact of social movements on social change

Type of Assessments in this subject:

- Media reports
- Case studies
- Tests
- Exams
- Reports
- Multimedia presentations
- Essays
- Research assignments

Key Skills developed through this area are:

- Define, explain and apply key concepts
- Analyse and evaluate material
- Synthesise and apply evidence
- Critically reflect on own and others’ approaches to understanding the social world

Possible Occupations that could relate to this study include:

- Social Worker
- Anthropologist
- Journalist
- Hospitality
- Nursing/Health
- Human Resources
- Police
- Teacher
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Childcare Worker

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