

# VCE Australian History – Units 3 & 4 Only

Australian History is the study of our own significant foundation and the transformative ideas and events that have shaped our nation. Australian history is contested and the past continues to contribute to our present social tensions and debates. Australian History helps you develop the key skills of critical thinking, research, empathy, problem solving and fluent/coherent communication.

Unit 3: Creating a Nation 1834 – 2008	Unit 4: War and Upheaval
<p>In Unit 3 you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the ideas and issues of the Port Phillip District, the gold rushes and the White Australia Policy</li> <li>• Examine attitudes towards Indigenous people and the influence of European and Chinese migration</li> <li>• Explore what influenced and forced migration to Australia and the treatment of first nations people</li> <li>• Explore the extent Australia changed and/or remained the same regarding debate about race, immigration and citizenship in Australia</li> </ul>	<p>In Unit 4 you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate Australia's involvement in conflicts including the Cold War and the Vietnam War</li> <li>• Investigate the ideas of alliances with the USA and UK, fear of communism</li> <li>• Explore the change involvement in both the conflict and anti-war protest movements had on Australian society</li> <li>• Explore the extent Australia changed and/or remained the same during and after conflicts</li> </ul>
Types of assessment	Class Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of documents</li> <li>• Comparing historical interpretations and views</li> <li>• A Historical Investigation</li> <li>• Essay</li> <li>• External end of year examination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infographics, concept &amp; mind maps</li> <li>• Flashcards and quizzes</li> <li>• Annotated Timelines</li> <li>• Exam style responses</li> <li>• Short answer questions</li> <li>• View film and documentaries</li> <li>• Extended investigations</li> <li>• Analysis of sources</li> </ul>

## Careers that may link to this subject area

Academic Researcher

Art Historian

History-based Game Developer

Tour Guide

Archivist

Heritage Protection

Historical Fiction Author

Anthropologist

Historian

Museum Curator

Archaeologist

History Teacher

Records Manager

