

VCE Philosophy

Philosophy explores a wide array of questions about the universe and humanity's place within it. Using philosophical techniques and inquire, students will consider different theories about the nature of reality, personal identity, ethics, the nature of belief and what constitutes a 'good life'. Students will explore the work of famous philosophers on these topics and investigate how these ideas are still relevant to contemporary debates such as those surrounding artificial intelligence, gender identity, social media, cancel culture and fake news.

Unit 1 & 2	Unit 3 & 4
<p>In Unit 1 & 2 you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form critical arguments using logic and reasoning• Question the nature of reality, knowledge and personal identity• Compare ideas raised by the great western philosophers over time• Investigate virtual reality and artificial intelligence• Consider the value of beauty and art• Explore the concepts of morality, ethics and issues raised by conflicting rights	<p>In Unit 3 & 4 you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore what it means to 'live well' and the role of pleasure, self-discipline, freedom and relationships in creating a 'good life'• Consider what it means to believe something, to trust information from others, to be an expert, or to know truth.• Investigate relevant contemporary debates on these themes
Types of assessment	Class Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logic and reasoning puzzles• Class discussions• Short response questions• Research tasks• Written reflections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class discussions• Comparative tables• Short and extended response questions• Research tasks

Careers that may link to this subject area

Lawyer
Politician

Journalist
Scientist

Data Analyst
Marketing

Health Services
Teacher

Human Rights Advocate
Psychologist

