

Psychology

The Year 10 course aims to provide an introductory overview of the study of human thoughts, feelings and behaviour. Topics studied will cover a wide range of psychological fields and related issues. The course has been designed to provide a thought-provoking exploration of how we have developed into the individuals that we are today. Practical activities, videos and small-scale research investigations will provide an engaging and accessible introduction to the science of Psychology. Year 10 Psychology is highly recommended to all students considering completing Psychology at the VCE level.

AREA OF STUDY (semester 1)

- Psychologists practise in a range of areas and workplaces. They will learn about the different types of Psychologists and their roles in helping the community.
- The structure of the brain and nervous system and how it plays a central role in the control of our thoughts, feelings and behaviours.
- The prevalence of mental health in society and how psychologists can work to reduce the stigmas associated with having a mental illness.
- How personality and intelligence are enduring traits that cannot be changed and how they influence our behaviour

AREA OF STUDY (semester 2)

- The intricate details of what it is like to be a forensic psychologist – what their role is and with whom they work
- Learning the skills of a forensic Psychologist including criminal profiling, assessing dangerousness, crime scene analysis, understanding the mind of a killer).
- The manipulation of memory with reference to assessing eye-witness testimony.