

# **Year 7 and Year 8 Geography and History Course Information**

## **Geography**

In Geography students will be dealing with issues which will be extremely important for the future. We study the earth and its systems along with the skills needed to understand maps and climate measurement.

In **year 7** Geography students will be introduced to the use of maps and their importance to our lives. Scales, latitude and longitude, synoptic maps, and physical and political maps will be studied. Studies of World Heritage sites and global environments such as polar lands will be completed.

**Year 8** students look at some global geographical issues such as land degradation and the use of ocean resources, energy use and human rights. These issues are vital to our understanding of our world and its future. A study of tourism will focus on the impact of this industry on the environment. Another vital issue is the study of poverty and wealth and how global organisations attempt to solve these problems.

## **History**

**Year 7** students will be introduced to the concept of time and time measurement. Sequencing and time lines will lead to discussion of chronological order and heritage. The concept of an historical source will be treated leading to the study of Ancient Egypt and Rome. Students will deal with the society, beliefs and economy of each culture.

In **year 8** students pass into the study of the "Dark Ages" and focus on the Vikings of Scandanavia. The Norman Conquest of England will lead to a study of the Middle Ages and the feudal system. Castles, knights, and The Black Death then progress to the idea of the end of the Middle Ages with the Age of Exploration. Contact between the European explorers and Australian Aborigines will be the final unit.