



### What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of how people think, feel and act. It aims to answer important questions such as what factors influence human development. Psychology knowledge helps us understand factors relating to individuals, the way individuals function within groups and the way individuals function within different contexts and how this is influenced by culture.

### How will Psychology help me in the future?

This course can be applied to any context in which humans are involved. Through this course, students gain valuable insights and understandings into both themselves and their worlds. Methods of communication studied enhance personal communication skills, while rigour in the use of scientific method develops important research skills, particularly as students engage in the exploration and evaluation of data.

### What careers can Psychology lead to?

Psychology can prepare students for a range of careers, including those in the health professions, education, human resources, social sciences, sales, media and marketing and management.

### What content will I study in Year 11 and Year 12?

Year 11	
<b>Psychology ATAR Unit 1:</b> Students explore the human brain, the impact of external factors on behaviour, cognitive processes, selective and divided attention, relationships and the role of verbal and non-verbal communication. Students study psychological research methods.	<b>Psychology ATAR Unit 2:</b> Students explore the nature/nurture debate, the role of play, personality, behaviour and causes of prejudice. Students continue to study psychological research methods.
Year 12	
<b>Psychology ATAR Unit 3:</b> Students explore the functions of the cerebral cortex lobes, transmission of messages, behaviour, socialisation processes and the effect of social background and gender on communication. Psychological research methods explored.	<b>Psychology ATAR Unit 4:</b> Students explore personality theories, behaviour, conformity, obedience, factors that affect community. Students continue to explore and apply psychological research methods.

### What are the pre-requisites?

60% in Year 10 Science Core or a 'C' grade in Year 10 Science Extension.

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