



Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus English Faculty

PHILOSOPHY

What will I do in Philosophy?

This course offers you the opportunity to learn about the main areas of Philosophy and what philosophers actually do. It also examines some of the ancient and present philosophers. It will teach you to look inwards and explore your inner “self” as well as looking outwards so that you can think about such fascinating concepts as

- Do we have a free will?
- Is there a God?
- What is life and death?
- Choice and responsibility
- Fatalism
- The mind/body problem of existence

This course provides questions for the curious, insights for the inexperienced and strategies for the seekers. It is especially aimed at students who want to expand their minds.

What skills will I gain from Philosophy?

- Communication skills
- Logical analysis
- Critical analysis
- Sequential skills
- Developing arguments

It involves developing your thinking skills so that you can apply them to all aspects of your studies. These skills will help you in analysing questions, developing thesis answers, writing extended responses for your HSC subjects and prioritising your study techniques.

How much practical/theory is in this subject?

This course is mainly theoretical.

What background skills are recommended for this subject?

There are no additional requirements nor exclusions for this subject.

How will this course help me in the future?

When you learn the skills of how to think better and how to gain knowledge, you will be able to transfer these to countless situations; to your other school subjects, to your university studies, to everyday communications. You will have the potential to strengthen your academic achievement. Philosophy will help you achieve better marks at school and hence improve your HSC results, as well as equip you with the necessary skills to do better in your university studies. If you intend to study Extension English 1 or 2 this course is invaluable especially in providing a basis for your independent research to complete a Major Works in Extension 2.