

<b>Programme description</b>	Geography is the study of how people interact with their environment. There are a number of different topics covered throughout the year. The natural environment topic looks at mountains and deserts globally, case studies include the Australian Desert and the South Island High Country. The urban pattern topic will focus on a significant urban settlement overseas e.g. Detroit. Geographic skills and ideas are taught throughout the year as well. Current geographic issues in New Zealand are examined. E.g. Freedom Camping, access to National Parks.
<b>Content</b>	<p>Topics covered include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Natural landscapes and the processes that have created them and how people use them – case studies Australian Desert and the South Island High Country.</li> <li>2. Global studies of mountains and deserts.</li> <li>3. Urbanisation globally and a study of urban settlements and processes operating within them – case studies London and Detroit.</li> <li>4. Current geographic issues in a local environment – case studies mining on conservation land, Auckland’s transport issues, Freedom Camping, access to National Parks.</li> </ol>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	NCEA Level 1 Geography or English
<b>Assessment</b>	Throughout the year there will be an opportunity of sitting 4 internal assessment standards and 1 external achievement standard. The course offers 17 credits.
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Standards		When assessed	Type	Credit value
<a href="#">91243 v2</a>	2.4 Apply geography concepts and skills to demonstrate understanding of a given environment	Term 4 external	E	4
<a href="#">91189 v2</a>	2.3 Investigate geological processes in a New Zealand locality	Term 2 week 8	I	4
<a href="#">91245 v2</a>	2.6 Explain aspects of a contemporary New Zealand geographic issue	Term 1 week 6	I	3
<a href="#">91246 v2</a>	2.7 Explain aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale	Term 3 week 3	I	3
<a href="#">91241 v2</a>	2.2 Demonstrate geographic understanding of an urban pattern	Term 2 week 2	I	3

I = Internally Assessed | E = Externally Assessed