Subject Outline:
Geography is concerned with people in varied environments around the world. Environments are the surroundings we live in, including such things as landforms, climates, settlements, and our social organisation. Studies in geography help us live our day to day lives by informing us about our local area and other parts of the world and students will be encouraged to actively involve themselves with community and social issues which will be impacting on them at present and in the future.

Contributes to OP: Yes
Prerequisite: Students should have attained at least a ‘C’ in Yr10 English and Humanities.

Assessment Outline:
The senior Geography syllabus is designed around four themes. Each theme offers a range of core and elective topics, providing flexibility and choice for both students and teachers.

Career Pathways:
Geography is useful in developing a variety of skills relevant to the tertiary entrance test as well as active citizenship.

Geographical knowledge and skills may aid students wishing to enter various tertiary courses including:

Potential Activities:
Learning in Geography is recognised as developing key competencies in:
- Collecting, analysing and organising information
- Communicating ideas and information
- Planning and organising activities
- Solving problems
- Working with others and in teams
- Fieldwork and Research Activities

To a lesser extent it also contributes to the remaining two key competencies
- Using technology
- Using mathematical ideas and techniques.

The Units of Study in Senior Geography are
1. Managing the Natural Environment
2. People and Development
3. Social Environments
4. Resources and Environment

Costs:
Field excursions are essential and may take the form of either a class excursion or individual fieldwork in the students’ own time. Costs are kept to a minimum but are not covered by the Texthire Scheme.

Student Requirements:
It is important that students spend at least one hour a week on regular revision, report writing and additional reading. As well, it is desirable that students keep abreast of current events, issues and news items. There is one assignment per semester (the field report) which requires home time to complete.