

What is Australian and Global Politics and why study it?

Do you want to be an active and informed member of the community but don't know what that means? Find out by studying Australian and Global Politics.

- You will explore and understand the contemporary world.
- You will be able to tap into current events and make sense of them with others.
- Politics is contemporary, evolving, interesting and vital for you as a citizen of the world.

Politics is too serious a matter to be left to politicians—Charles de Gaulle

Tackle the big questions

- Why is the world the way it is?
- What is power and who has it?

What will you learn about in Year 11 Australian and Global Politics?

Unit 1: Ideas, actors and power

Power and ideas

What is politics? What is meant by power and how can it be exercised? How is power distributed in the Australian political system? How do non-democratic systems distribute power?

Political actors and power

What roles do political parties play in the Australian political system? How influential are political parties, interest groups and the media in shaping the Australian political agenda?

Unit 2: Global connections

Global links

How are citizens of the 21st century linked – politically, socially and economically? How have people's lives been affected by globalisation? Do citizens and states have global responsibilities?

Global cooperation and conflict

How does the global community work in the 21st century and what are its responsibilities? What challenges do key global actors such as the United Nations and NGOs face in resolving issues such as war, conflict, environmental challenges, people movement and international crime?

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In Units 3 and 4, students can study either VCE Global Politics or VCE Australian Politics.

