



AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Applied Senior Subject

Agricultural Practices provides opportunities for students to explore, experience and learn knowledge and practical skills valued in agricultural workplaces and other settings. Through these learning experiences, students build their understanding of expectations for work in agricultural settings and develop an understanding of career pathways, jobs and other opportunities available for participating in and contributing to agricultural activities.

Agricultural Practices includes two areas of study, 'Animal studies' and 'Plant studies', which focus on building knowledge and skills suited to practical situations in agricultural workplaces. Schools decide whether to include one or both of the areas of study in their course of study. Learning in the selected areas of study is delivered through modules of work set in specific animal and plant contexts, such as poultry, vegetables or conservation areas.

Pathways

A course of study in Agricultural Practices can establish a basis for further education, training and employment in agriculture, aquaculture, food technology, environmental management and agribusiness. The subject also provides a basis for participating in and contributing to community associations, events and activities, such as agricultural shows.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students should:

- demonstrate procedures to complete tasks in agricultural activities
- describe and explain concepts, ideas and processes relevant to agricultural activities.
- analyse agricultural information
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to agricultural activities
- use appropriate language conventions and features for communication of agricultural information.
- plan processes for agricultural activities
- make decisions and recommendations with evidence for agricultural activities
- evaluate processes and decisions regarding safety and effectiveness.

Subject summary			
Subject type	Assessment	QCE credits	Contributes to ATAR
Applied	Internal assessment (100%)	Up to 4	Only 1 may contribute when combined with 4 General subjects

Structure

In studying Agricultural Practices, students will learn about:

Area of Study – Plant Studies	
Core Topics	Elective Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Industries • Safety and management practices • Rules, regulations & operation • Equipment maintenance and operation • Management Practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure • Production • Agribusiness • Operating Machinery

Assessment

For Agricultural Practices, the assessment instruments designed are from the variety listed below. The tasks in Units 1 and 2 will support the techniques utilised in Units 3 and 4.

Assessment **from Units 3 and 4** is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including no more than two assessment instruments from any one technique.

Project	Collection of work	Investigation	Extended response	Examination
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response to a series of tasks relating to a single topic.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.
At least two different components from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time 	At least three different components from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 200–300 words • spoken: 1½–2½ minutes • multimodal: 2–3 minutes • performance: continuous class time 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal: 4–7 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60–90 minutes • Up to 250 words per item