Geography
Year 7 — Duration 1 Semester

“Geography inspires curiosity and wonder about the diversity of the world’s places, peoples, cultures and environments. Through a structured way of exploring, analysing and understanding the characteristics of the places that make up our world, Geography enables students to question why the world is the way it is, and reflect on their relationships with and responsibilities for that world.”

In Year 7 Geography, students’ interests extend beyond their own communities and explore concerns about wider issues. Inquiry questions include:

- How do people’s reliance on places and environments influence their perception of them?
- What effect does the uneven distribution of resources and services have on the lives of people?
- What approaches can be used to improve the availability of resources and access to services?

Course outline
This course is offered as two units over one semester.

Unit 1: Water in the world — students focus on water as an example of a renewable environmental resource. They examine the many uses of water, the ways it is perceived and valued, its different forms as a resource, the ways it connects places, its varying availability in time and across space, and its scarcity. Water is investigated using studies drawn from Australia and other parts of the world.

Unit 2: Place and livability — students focus on the concept of place through an investigation of livability. They examine factors that influence livability and how it is perceived, the idea that places provide us with the services and facilities needed to support and enhance our lives, and that spaces are planned and managed by people. It develops students’ ability to evaluate the liveability of their own place and to investigate whether it can be improved through planning. The liveability of places is investigated using studies drawn from Australia and Europe.

Assessment
Formative tasks for tracking student progress and opportunity for feedback may be expected prior to summative assessment items. Assessment tasks could include:

- short response exam
- short essays or response to stimulus
- inquiry research
- presentations.

Resources/Textbook
The Jacaranda Digital Bundle subscription, purchased upon enrolment at BrisbaneSDE, includes Geography Alive Australian Curriculum Year 7 eBookPlus. This online text will be used for this course.

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