Geography
Year 9 — 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 9 Geography, students’ interests extend beyond their own communities and explore concerns about wider issues. Inquiry questions include:

- What are the causes and consequences of change in places and environments and how can this change be managed?
- What are the future implications of changes to places and environments?
- Why are interconnections and interdependencies important for the future of places and environments?

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

Unit 1: Biomes and food security — students examine the biomes of the world, their alteration and significance as a source of food and fibre, and the environmental challenges of, and constraints on, expanding food production in the future. These distinctive aspects of biomes, food production and food security are investigated using studies drawn from Australia and across the world.

Unit 2: Geographies of interconnections — students investigate how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a wide variety of ways, and how these connections help to make and change places and their environments. This unit examines the interconnections between people and places through the products people buy and the effects of their production on the places that make them. These distinctive aspects of interconnection are investigated using studies drawn from Australia and across the world.

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

- an exam
- short response or short essay
- research report or journal
- multimodal presentation.

Resources/Textbook
The Jacaranda Digital Bundle subscription, purchased upon enrolment at BrisbaneSDE, includes Geography Alive Australian Curriculum Year 9 eBookPlus. This online text will be used for this course.

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