

**Varsity College**  
**Year 12 Modern History 2023**

Unit 3: Israel

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	23-27 January Australia Day PH - Thurs	<b>Overview of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationalism</li> <li>People, groups, individuals</li> </ul>	
2	30 Jan – 3 Feb Swimming Carnival - Mon	<b>Creation of Israel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN Resolution 181</li> <li>Declaration of the State of Israel</li> </ul>	
3	6-10 February	<b>Self determination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define concept: self determination</li> <li>Viewing the conflict through the lens of self determination</li> </ul>	
4	13-17 February	<b>First Arab-Israeli War</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outbreak of war</li> <li>Perspectives: War of Independence v al-Nakba ('the Catastrophe')</li> </ul>	
5	20-24 February	<b>Armistice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Line</li> <li>Responses: international, Arabs, Jews</li> </ul>	
6	27 Feb – 3 Mar	<b>Flight of the Palestinians</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution 194</li> <li>Law of Return</li> </ul>	
7	6-10 March GIPSA - Wednesday	<b>Self determination Revisited</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short- and long-term impacts on the self determination of both Arabs and Jews</li> </ul>	
8	13-17 March	• <b>Exam revision – Content</b>	
9	20-24 March	• <b>Exam revision – Skill practice questions</b>	
10	27-31 March Cross Country - Thurs	<b>Exam Block</b> <b>(IA1: Essay in response to historical sources)</b>	<b>Examination</b>
<b>School Holidays: Saturday April 1 – Sunday April 16</b>			

## Unit 4: Cold War

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	17-21 April Athletics Carnival - Wednesday	<b>Introduction to the Cold War</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideological division in the post war world</li> <li>The Yalta Conference and 'Iron Curtin'</li> <li>Cold War Geopolitics and alliances (N.A.T.O, Warsaw Pact, Mutual defense agreements)</li> </ul>	
2	24-28 April ANZAC Day PH - Tues	<b>The Arms Race</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear Threats</li> <li>Nuclear Warfare Strategies</li> </ul>	
3	1-5 May Labour Day PH - Monday GIPSA - Wednesday	<b>Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crisis</b>	
4	8-12 May	<b>Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crisis</b>	
5	15-19 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<b>IA3 Historical Essay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce investigation</li> <li>Commence researching and planning</li> </ul>	
6	22-26 May GIPSA - Wednesday	<b>IA3 Historical Essay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researching and planning</li> <li><b>Checkpoint 1: Initial hypothesis and sources</b></li> </ul>	
7	29 May – 2 June	<b>IA3 Historical Essay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researching and planning</li> <li>Drafting</li> <li><b>Checkpoint 2: Finalised hypothesis and essay plan</b></li> </ul>	
8	5-9 June Exam Block – Tuesday L1, 2 GIPSA - Wednesday	<b>IA3 Historical Essay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting</li> <li><b>Checkpoint 3: Draft</b></li> </ul>	<b>Draft Lesson 3</b>
9	12-16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise investigation</li> <li>Editing and applying feedback</li> </ul> <b>Assessment: IA3 Historical essay based on research</b> (submit investigation via turn-it in)	<b>Essay Lesson 3</b>
10	19-23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to the Vietnam War</li> </ul>	
<b>School Holidays: Saturday June 24 – Sunday July 9</b>			

## Unit 4: Vietnam War

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	10-14 July	<b>Review of Cold War and Vietnamese nationalist movement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview/Review of Australia's post war international relationship with the US. Curtin's legacy</li> <li>ANZUS Treaty (1951) SEATO (1954)</li> <li>Initial American combat engagement in Vietnam</li> </ul>	
2	17-21 July	<b>The Red Menace' and Australian society and politics.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government and public attitudes to communism in the 1950's and 60's</li> <li>The 'Domino Theory' and Forward Defence</li> </ul>	<b>Formative Task Question 1 - Comprehension</b>
3	24-28 July	<b>Australian initial foreign policy response and national security response to Vietnam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Menzies and Hasluck speeches, Australian 'military advisors' in Vietnam (1962) National Service introduced (1964)</li> </ul>	
4	31 July – 4 August Exam Block - Thursday	<b>Escalation of Australian military involvement.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian commits a battalion to the conflict (1965)</li> <li>Menzies speech outlining reasons for military commitment</li> <li>Initial public attitudes to the war</li> <li>The introduction of national servicemen to the war (1966)</li> <li>Attitude of the opposition (Labor Party and leader Arthur Calwell) to Australia's involvement in the war</li> </ul>	<b>Formative Task Question 2 - Analysis</b>
5	7-11 August	<b>Continued Australian foreign policy and military support for the US led war in Vietnam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"All the way with LBJ"</li> <li>Evaluation of public attitudes to the war. Analysis of election results and Gallup Polls</li> </ul>	
6	14-18 August	<b>Fighting the War</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning 'hearts and minds' and 'search and destroy'.</li> <li>Australian military life in Vietnam Nui Dat base and Vung Tau recreation area</li> <li>Danger Close! The Battle of Long Tan and Long Khanh</li> </ul>	<b>Formative Task Question 3 - Synthesis</b>
7	21-25 August	<b>Protest and Dissent at Home</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Moratorium movement</li> <li>Save our Sons (SOS) and Conscientious Objectors</li> <li>Evaluation of changing public and government attitudes to the war</li> </ul>	
8	28 August – 1 Sept.	<b>Reasons for Australia's withdrawal from Vietnam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media reporting and Vietnam</li> <li>Reduction in the scale of Australian involvement (1970) and withdrawal of Australian combat units (1971)</li> <li>The impact of Gough Whitlam and the 1972 Election. Withdrawal of all remaining Australian advisers and the repeal of national service legislation (1972)</li> </ul>	<b>Formative Task Question 4 - Evaluation</b>
9	4-8 September	<b>Mock Exams</b>	<b>Exam</b>
10	11-15 September	<b>Mock Exams</b>	
<b>School Holidays: Saturday September 16 – Monday October 2</b>			

### Term 4, 2023

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	2-6 October Queen's Birthday PH - Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return Mock Exam results and feedback</li> <li>Targeted exam revision and EA preparation</li> </ul>	
2	9-13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted exam revision and EA preparation</li> </ul>	
3	16-20 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No classes for Applied and Certificate subjects.</li> <li>Study lessons for General subjects.</li> </ul>	
4	23-27 October	External Exam Block	External Assessment: Unit 3 and 4
5	30 Oct – 3 Nov		
6	6-10 November		
7	13-17 November	Graduation	