

Varsity College Year 12 Modern History 2024

Term 1

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	22-26 January O-Week Australia Day PH Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O-Week and Year 12 Camp 	
2	29 Jan-2 Feb	Overview of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McMahon Pledge Sykes-Picot agreement Balfour Declaration Impact on competing nationalist goals in Palestine 	
3	5-9 February Swimming Carnival - Thurs	Creation of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Resolution 181 Declaration of the State of Israel 	
4	12-16 February	Self determination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define concept: self determination Viewing the conflict through the lens of self determination 	
5	19-23 February	First Arab-Israeli War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outbreak of war Perspectives: War of Independence v al-Nakba ('the Catastrophe') 	
6	26 Feb-1 Mar GC24 - Wednesday	Armistice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Line Responses: international, Arabs, Jews 	
7	4-8 March	Flight of the Palestinians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 194 Law of Return 	
8	11-15 March	Long Term Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Six Day War, Resolution 242, Intifadas - what has been achieved? 	
9	18-22 March GC24 - Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam revision 	
10	25-29 March Good Friday PH	Exam Block (IA1: Essay in response to historical sources)	Examination
School holidays: Friday March 29 - Sunday April 14			

Term 2

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	15-19 April Cross Country - Wed	Introduction to the Cold War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideological division in the post war world 	
2	22-26 April GC24 - Tuesday Anzac Day PH - Thurs	A World Divided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Yalta Conference and 'Iron Curtin' Cold War Geopolitics and alliances (N.A.T.O, Warsaw Pact, Mutual defense agreements) 	
3	29 Apr-3 May	The Arms Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nuclear Threats Nuclear Warfare Strategies Castro's Cuba <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batista, Castro and the Cuban Revolution Castro's relationship with the United States 	
4	6-10 May Labour Day PH - Mon	Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Bay of Pigs' Invasion Kennedy and Castro Khrushchev and Castro The US response to Soviet Missiles in Cuba : 'Hawks and Doves' Khrushchev and Kennedy's correspondence 	
5	13-17 May	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce investigation Commence researching and planning Checkpoint 1: Key Inquiry Question 	
6	20-24 May	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching and planning Checkpoint 2: Initial hypothesis and sources 	
7	27-31 May	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching and planning Drafting Checkpoint 3: Finalised hypothesis and essay plan 	
8	3-7 June	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting Checkpoint 4: Draft 	Draft Lesson 3
9	10-14 June GC24 - Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise investigation Editing and applying feedback Assessment: IA3 Historical essay based on research (submit investigation via turn-it in)	Essay Lesson 3
10	17-21 June Athletics Carnival - Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the Vietnam War 	
School holidays: Saturday June 22 - Sunday July 7			

Term 3

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	8-12 July	Review of Cold War and Vietnamese nationalist movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview/Review of Australia's post war international relationship with the US. Curtin's legacy ANZUS Treaty (1951) SEATO (1954) Initial American combat engagement in Vietnam 	
2	15-19 July	The Red Menace' and Australian society and politics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and public attitudes to communism in the 1950's and 60's The 'Domino Theory' and Forward Defence 	Formative Task Question 1 - Comprehension
3	22-26 July GC24 - Thursday	Australian initial foreign policy response and national security response to Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menzies and Hasluck speeches, Australian 'military advisors' in Vietnam (1962) National Service introduced (1964) 	
4	29 Jul- 2 Aug	Escalation of Australian military involvement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian commits a battalion to the conflict (1965) Menzies speech outlining reasons for military commitment Initial public attitudes to the war The introduction of national servicemen to the war (1966) Attitude of the opposition (Labor Party and leader Arthur Calwell) to Australia's involvement in the war 	Formative Task Question 2 -Analysis
5	5-9 August	Continued Australian foreign policy and military support for the US led war in Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "All the way with LBJ" Evaluation of public attitudes to the war. Analysis of election results and Gallup Polls 	
6	12-16 August GC24 Finals - Wed.	Fighting the War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winning 'hearts and minds' and 'search and destroy'. Australian military life in Vietnam Nui Dat base and Vung Tau recreation area Danger Close! The Battle of Long Tan and Long Khanh 	Formative Task Question 3 - Synthesis
7	19-23 August	Protest and Dissent at Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Moratorium movement Save our Sons (SOS) and Conscientious Objectors Evaluation of changing public and government attitudes to the war 	
8	26-30 August	Reasons for Australia's withdrawal from Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media reporting and Vietnam Reduction in the scale of Australian involvement (1970) and withdrawal of Australian combat units (1971) The impact of Gough Whitlam and the 1972 Election. Withdrawal of all remaining Australian advisers and the repeal of national service legislation (1972) 	Formative Task Question 4 - Evaluation
9	2-6 September	MOCK EXAMS	Mock Exam
10	9-13 September	MOCK EXAMS	
School holidays: Saturday September 14 – Sunday September 29			

Term 4

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	30 Sept – 4 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return Mock Exam results and feedback Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
2	7-11 October <small>King's B'day PH - Monday</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
3	14-18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
4	21 Oct-15 Nov.	EXTERNAL EXAMS	External Assessment: Unit 3 and 4
5	28 Oct – 1 Nov		
6	4-8 November		
7	11-15 November		
		Final Week Events	