

Varsity College Year 12 Modern History 2025

Term 1

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	27-31 January O-Week Australia Day: Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> O-Week Activities and Camp 	
2	3-7 February	Introduction to the Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major religious groups and the geography of the Middle East Making of the Modern Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Balfour Declaration Sykes – Picot agreement and the impact of World War I 	
3	10-14 February Swimming Carnival: Tuesday Y11,12 Parent Information Session: Monday	Creation of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Resolution 181 Declaration of the State of Israel 	
4	17-21 February	First Arab-Israeli War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outbreak of war Perspectives: War of Independence v al-Nakba ('the Catastrophe') 	
5	24-28 February	Self determination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define concept: self determination Viewing the conflict through the lens of self determination 	
6	3-7 March GCS25: Wednesday	Armistice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Line Responses: international, Arabs, Jews 	
7	10-14 March	Flight of the Palestinians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 194 Law of Return 	
8	17-21 March	Self-determination Revisited/ Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short- and long-term impacts on the self determination of both Arabs and Jews 	<i>Formative Task: Practice Essay</i>
9	24-28 March	Exam revision – Skill practice questions	
10	31 March - 4 April Cross Country Carnival: Thursday	EXAM BLOCK	Exam
School holidays: Friday April 4 - Sunday April 19			

Term 2

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	21-25 April Easter Monday ANZAC Day: Friday	Introduction to the Cold War – A World Divided	
2	28 April-2 May GCS25: Tuesday	The Nuclear Threat - M.A.D and the Arms Race	
3	5-9 May Labour Day: Monday	Castro's Cuba <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batista, Castro and the Cuban Revolution Castro's relationship with the United States 'Bay of Pigs' Invasion 	
4	12-16 May Parent Teacher Interviews: Monday	Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kennedy and Castro Khrushchev and Castro The US response to Soviet Missiles in Cuba: 'Hawks and Doves' 	
5	19-23 May	Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khrushchev and Kennedy's correspondence Distribute Task 	
6	26-30 May	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce investigation Commence researching and planning Development of KIQ 	
7	2-6 June GCS25: Wednesday	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching and planning Development of tentative hypothesis Drafting 	
8	9-13 June GCS25: Wednesday	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting 	Draft due lesson 3
9	16-20 June	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing and applying feedback Proof-reading, ready for submission 	
10	23-27 June Athletics Carnival: Thursday	IA3 Historical Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit via Turn-it in; follow in <p>Culminating Activities – Transition into the Vietnam War</p>	Assignment due lesson 1
School holidays: Saturday June 28 - Sunday July 13			

Term 3

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	14-18 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	21-25 July Future Pathways Expo Y11, 12 Parent Information Session: Wednesday	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 	<i>Formative Task Question 1 -Comprehension</i>
3	28 July-1 August Parent Teacher Interviews: Monday	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	4-8 August	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 	<i>Formative Task Question 2 -Analysis</i>
5	11-15 August GCS25: Tuesday	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	18-22 August GC25 (Finals): Tuesday	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 	<i>Formative Task Question 3 - Synthesis</i>
7	25-29 August GC Show Day: Friday	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	1-5 September	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) 	<i>Formative Task Question 4 - Evaluation</i>
9	8-12 September	MOCK EXAMS	Mock exam
10	15-19 September	MOCK EXAMS	
School holidays: Saturday September 20 – Sunday October 4			

Term 4

Week	Date	Topics	Assessment
1	6-10 October King's Birthday: Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return Mock Exam results and feedback Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
2	13-17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
3	20-24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted exam revision and EA preparation 	
4	27-31 October	EXTERNAL EXAMS	External Assessment: Unit 3 and 4
5	3-7 November		
6	10-14 November		
7	17-21 November	Final Week Events	