Media Studies

Media Studies, an elective course within the Year 10 curriculum, aims to introduce students to the in-depth study of a variety of audio and visual media. Understanding media is a cornerstone of a modern student’s life, and helps students gain meaning from the digital world around them. Within the course, students design and produce a range of media, making decisions about the design, selection and manipulation of media technologies to produce meanings. Students also learn to understand the role audience plays in the creation of different forms of audio and visual media.

The Course covers four areas of study:

- Film TV and New Media- (Learning the art of creating modern moving media)
- Digital Journalism- (practical Photographic journalism)
- Studies in Responsible Media (responding to the impact of modern forms of media on youth in society)
- The Studio (producing a range of film / TV/ New Media programs in studio conditions)

The course is desirable for students wishing to undertake FTV and New Media in Senior School, and has companion application to English, IT Studies, Drama, Music subjects.

Careers in Media, Journalism, Advertising, Marketing, Travel, Information Technology, Performing Arts, Design can all lead from studies in this subject.

The course of study (including assessment tasks) is devised around three dimensions of equal importance.

- Constructing media - developing practical skills and processes required to create, construct and produce media. Proficiencies in camera operation / editing / post production
- Producing meaning - manipulating media for audiences. Preparing designs, scripts, visual to print meanings, radio/audio scripting for production.
- Responding to meaning - assignment writing and preparing media that challenges how students see society and their place in the world.

The course is offered as a course of study beginning in Year 10 as an extension of the Encore Program established in Year 8 and 9, linking Middle School studies with the Senior Subject of Film TV and New Media (a QSA subject).

Students entering this subject must have a minimum Sound Achievement in Yr 9 English, have an interest in this area of study, and be motivated to participate in all areas of activity.