



**Mātai matawhenua – Te ako o te ao ko te kāinga o ngā tāngata.**

**Geography – The study of earth as the home of people**

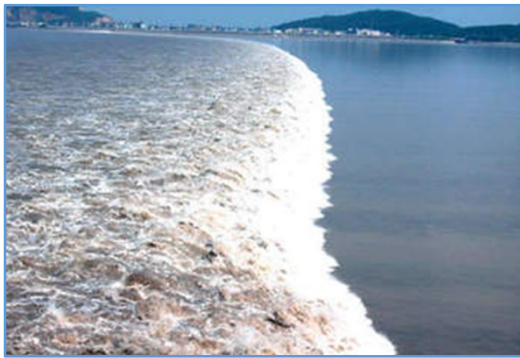
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### What is Geography?

Geography is about the most important relationship of the 21st century – the relationship between humans and the environment. Often referred to as the world discipline, Geography brings together the social and natural sciences. Geographers literally 'write the earth' through mapping, visualisation and applied research.

### Why study Geography at Year 11?



“Broad knowledge of Geography is an essential part of a full education. This is particularly true at a time when the lives of nearly all of our citizens are deeply affected by what happens throughout the world.” This quote from the United States National Assessment Governing Board explains why the analytical skills and global knowledge developed in Geography is important to students across the increasingly interconnected world.

At Year 11, students will conduct fieldwork relating to sustainability and climate research, building their own weather station in the process. They will examine population and natural hazard issues, develop their mapping skills, study local geographic issues and learn how to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

### How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through a combination of Internal and External Achievement Standards:

Extreme Natural Events (4 credits External) - Tsunami

Population Studies (4 credits External) - China

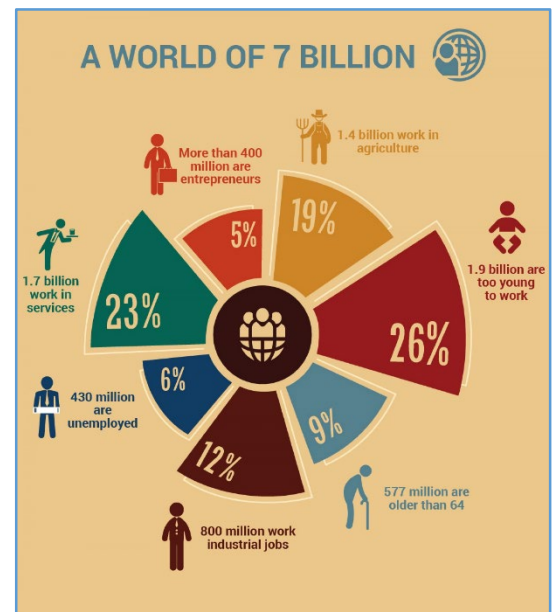
Sustainability (3 credits internal) – Dairy Farming

A Geographic Issue (3 credits Internal) – 1080 Poison

Research (4 credits Internal) - weather observation

Geographic Information Systems (3 credits Internal) – Christchurch Earthquakes

Geographic Skills (4 credits External) – Topic chosen by the examiner



## Where does Geography take me career wise?

*“Early in my career, I told a friend that I was a professional outdoorsman who, jumps out of helicopters, rides quads, sleds, hikes and drives four-wheel trucks for a living.*

*When he replied "Bull \*\*\*\*", I took him to work with me..."*

Mike Fretwell, President, Mission Geospatial Ltd



## GEOGRAPHY IN THE WORKPLACE

Studying Geography in secondary school would be of benefit to the following careers.

Science / Engineering	Commerce	Environment	Planning / Design	Humanities
Remote sensing	Advertising	Forestry	Urban planner	Law
Surveying	Business Administration	Conservationist	Town planner	Administration
Meteorology	Eco-tourism	Agriculture	Social planner	Government service
Engineering	Market Research	Policy analyst	Architect	Teaching
Agricultural science	Public Relations	Recreation Management	Landscape architecture	Politics
Forest science	Retailing	Wildlife Management	Land development	Diplomatic Service
Geology	Transport	Environment monitoring	Cartography	Journalism
Hydrology	Manufacturing	Environment assessment	Surveying	Tourism
Vulcanology	Office Management	Hazard assessment	Transport planning	Education
Seismology	Real estate	Land Management	Electoral planning	Hospitality / Travel
Oceanography	<b>Mining</b>	Waste disposal management	Land use planning	Population planning
<b>Mathematics / Computing</b>	Land development	Energy planning	<b>Physical Geography</b>	Social work
Surveying	Industrial Planning		Hydrology	Social planning
Geographical Information Systems	Property management		Vulcanology	Emergency services
Remote sensing	Resource management		Seismology	Defence Forces
Cartography	Energy Planning		Oceanography	
			Meteorology	

## Who should I speak with about taking Geography at school?

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## Where can I go on the web to find out more about Geography?

Check these out!

<https://this.deakin.edu.au/career/four-reasons-why-you-should-study-geography>

Rosenberg, Matt. "Why Study Geography?" ThoughtCo, Feb. 11, 2020, [thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605](https://www.thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605). <https://www.thoughtco.com/why-study-geography-1435605>

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/subjects/geography/>

<https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore/study-areas/geography/overview>