History

History is a disciplined process of inquiry into the past that develops students’ curiosity and imagination. Awareness of history is an essential characteristic of any society, and historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and others. History promotes the understanding of societies, events, movements and developments that have shaped humanity from earliest times. It helps students appreciate how the world and its people have changed, as well as the significant continuities that exist to the present day.

Junior Secondary: Humanities

At Maryborough State High School, our Junior Secondary Humanities program aims to ensure that students develop:

- An interest in, and enjoyment of, historical study for lifelong learning and work, including their capacity and willingness to be informed and active citizens;
- Knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the past and the forces that shape societies, including Australian society;
- Understanding and use of historical concepts, such as evidence, continuity and change, cause and effect, perspectives, empathy, significance and contestability;
- A capacity to undertake historical inquiry, including skills in the analysis and use of sources, and in explanation and communication.

An understanding of world history enhances students’ appreciation of Australian history. It enables them to develop an understanding of the past and present experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their identity and the continuing value of their culture. This knowledge and understanding is essential for informed and active participation in Australia’s diverse society.

Excursions

In Years 7 - 9, students are engaged further in their humanities program via the many excursions on offer. This allows the students to make a deeper connection to their studies and understand the context of their curriculum. Excursions in the junior school include the Abbey Museum, Maryborough Historical Walk and the Military Museum.