

# Welcome to Philosophy at Canberra College



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## Course Overview

### Unit 1: Ethics

In this unit, students will study the nature of ethics. They will explore ethical questions and reflect on what constitutes a just society and “the good life”. Students will develop a framework for understanding ethical positions.

### Unit 2: Epistemology

In this unit, students will study the nature of knowledge and the basis of knowledge claims. They will explore how we can know and the justification of knowledge. Students will develop skills to evaluate knowledge claims.

### Unit 3: Metaphysics

In this unit, students will study the nature of existence and notions of reality. They will explore the relationship between being and meaning. Students will develop insight into what may constitute truth.

### Unit 4: Philosophy of Language

In this unit, students will study the nature of language and meaning. They will explore how meaning is constructed and investigate the relationship between language, thought, and meaning. Students will develop understanding of how language works in the construction of reality.

### Unit 5: Negotiated Study

In this unit, students will study an area of special interest to be decided upon by a class, group(s), or an individual student in consultation with the teacher and with the Principal’s approval.

## Assessment Types

Students are assessed using an in-class essay, a research essay and a seminar.

## Why Study Philosophy?



## Skills Developed

- Advanced literacy.
- Academic methodology.
- Techniques for logical argument.
- Discussion and speaking skills.
- Capacity to closely analyse propositions & data.

## Knowledge Gained

- Awareness of major streams in Western thought.
- Awareness of the philosophical canon.
- Awareness of the critical approaches to the foundational ideas of other subjects being studied.
- Awareness of propositions for living a satisfying and ethical life.

Any enquiries regarding enrolling into Philosophy at Canberra College?

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