

Aquatic Practices

Applied Senior Syllabus

Aquatic Practices provides opportunities for students to explore, experience and learn practical skills and knowledge valued in aquatic workplaces and other settings. The subject promotes an appreciation of the role coastal waters and inland waterways play in tourism, recreation, transport and food production, and of the legal and safety issues and codes of practice associated with waterways. Through these learning experiences, students build their understanding of the conditions and expectations for work in aquatic settings and develop an understanding of career pathways, jobs and other opportunities available for participating in and contributing to aquatic and related fields and activities.

The skills valued in aquatic workplaces include skills needed to work effectively as an individual and as part of a team, to build relationships with peers, colleagues and wider networks, to collaborate and communicate appropriately with others, and to plan, organise and complete tasks on time. These skills are valued in all settings where people work together, and therefore position students for successful transition to work, training and other collaborative environments.

Aquatic Practices focuses on aquatic concepts and ideas, and practical application of knowledge, understanding and skills in real-world or lifelike aquatic contexts. Through this approach, students have opportunities to learn in, through and about aquatic workplaces, events and other related activities. Additional learning in this subject links to an understanding of the employment, study and recreational opportunities associated with communities who visit, live or work on and around our waterways.

Pathways

A course of study in Aquatic Practices can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of recreation, tourism, fishing and aquaculture. The subject also provides a basis for participating in and contributing to community associations, events and activities, such as yacht and sailing club races and competitions and boating shows.

Objectives

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe concepts and ideas in aquatic contexts
- explain concepts and ideas in aquatic contexts
- demonstrate skills in aquatic contexts.
- analyse information, situations and relationships in aquatic contexts
- apply knowledge, understanding and skills in aquatic contexts
- use language conventions and features appropriate to aquatic contexts to communicate ideas and information, according to purpose.
- generate plans and procedures for activities in aquatic contexts
- evaluate the safety and effectiveness of activities in aquatic contexts
- make recommendations for activities in aquatic contexts.

Structure

The Aquatic Practices course is designed around core topics and at least three electives.

Core topics	Electives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental • Recreational • Commercial • Cultural • Safety and management practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen science • Aquatic activities • Aquaculture, aquaponics and aquariums • Boat building and marine engineering • Historical understandings

Assessment

For Aquatics Practices, assessment from Units 3 and 4 is used to determine the student's exit result, and consists of four instruments, including:

- at least one investigation based on primary data
- a range of assessment instruments that includes no more than two assessment instruments from any one technique.

Project	Investigation	Extended response	Examination	Performance
A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	A technique assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.	A technique that assesses physical demonstrations as outcomes of applying a range of cognitive, technical and physical skills.
At least two different components from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 500–900 words • spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presentation: 3–6 minutes • performance: continuous class time • product: continuous class time. 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presentation: 4–7 minutes. 	Presented in one of the following modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written: 600–1000 words • spoken: 3–4 minutes • multimodal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – presentation: 4–7 minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60–90 minutes • 50–250 words per item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • performance: continuous class time