




Stage 1 Psychology aims to describe and explain both the universality of human experience and individual and cultural diversity. It also addresses the ways in which behaviour can be changed. Psychology focuses on evidence-based procedures that enables students to define the scope of their learning by identifying investigable questions, deconstructing and designing their research using scientific approaches, using data, and analysing and critiquing their findings. The issues that arise during investigations should be informed by the application of key scientific ideas, skills, concepts, and understanding.

**SACE Stage 1
one or two
semesters**

|  Engage <i>Skills</i> |  Extend <i>Knowledge</i> |  Enrich <i>Experiences</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and apply knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts in diverse contexts Apply science inquiry skills to deconstruct a problem and design and conduct psychological investigations, using appropriate procedures and safe, ethical working practices Obtain, record, represent analyse and interpret the results of psychological investigations Evaluate ethical and unethical practices, procedures, and results and analyse evidence to formulate and justify conclusions Explore and understand psychological science as a human endeavour Communicate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts using appropriate terms and conventions | <p>By exploring the topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cognitive psychology Neuropsychology Psychological Wellbeing Emotion Lifespan psychology (optional) Sports Psychology (optional) Developmental Psychology (optional) Psychology of Human Relationships (optional) <p>Students will be given the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore psychological processes in everyday experiences Investigate psychological issues Explore ethical and intercultural understandings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration of contemporary issues Guest Speaker (e.g. Neuroplasticity or Organisational Psychology) Old Scholar Connections Applying knowledge to real-world situations Science Olympiads (optional) Oliphant Science Awards (optional) STEM Tour (optional – offered every two years) |

|  Assessments/Outcomes |  Pathways |
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| <p>One psychological investigation, one investigation with a focus on science as a human endeavour, one or two skills and applications tasks (10 credit)</p> <p>Two psychological investigations, two investigations with a focus on science as a human endeavour, two to four skills and applications tasks (20 credits)</p> | <p>Career Pathways: Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Counsellor, Human Resource Consultant or Manager, Industrial Relations Officer, Marketing Manager, Teacher, Lecturer, Recruitment Manager, Sociologist, Solicitor, Therapist, Criminologist, Police Officer, Youth Worker, Court Officer, Law Clerk, Parliamentarian, PR Officer, Policy Analyst, Social Worker, Child Protection Case Worker, Sports Psychologist</p> |