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| Year 9 Geography Curriculum and assessment plan  [Insert school name, implementation year] |

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| Level description | Context and cohort considerations (if applicable) |
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| The Year 9 curriculum involves the study of 2 sub-strands.  **Biomes and food security** – focuses on the biomes of the world, their characteristics and significance as a source of food and fibre. Students examine the distribution of biomes as regions, and their contribution to food production and food security. They consider the effects of the alteration of biomes, and the environmental challenges and constraints of expanding sustainable food production in the future.  It is suggested that the study of this topic draws on studies from Australia and countries in Asia.  **Geographies of interconnections** – focuses on how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a wide variety of ways, and how these connections help to make and change places and their environments. Students examine the nature of these connections between people and places through the products people buy and the effects of their production on the places that make them. Students consider the management of the impacts of tourism and trade on places.  It is suggested that the study of this topic draws on studies from Australia and other countries.  Inquiry questions provide a framework for developing students’ knowledge, understanding and skills. The following inquiry questions are examples only and may be used or adapted to suit local contexts:   * What are the causes and consequences of change in places and environments, and how can this change be managed? * What are the future implications of changes to places and environments? * Why are interconnections and interdependencies important for the future of places and environments? | Describe the context and cohort.  Consider the following to make informed professional decisions during the planning process:   * + relevant student data and information, e.g. achievement data   + available resources, e.g. timetabling   + school and sector priorities.   [Insert context and cohort considerations] |

**Note:** Insert/delete rows/columns, as required, to provide an overview of the teaching, learning and assessment sequence across the year level.

| Unit 1 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 2 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 3 — [Insert unit title] | Unit 4 — [Insert unit title] |
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| Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] | Duration: [Insert semester, term and/or weeks] |
| [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] | [Insert unit description and learning focus] |

**Note:**

Adjust the table to reflect the number of units you will offer.

Highlight the aspects of the achievement standard that will be assessed within each unit.

|  | Unit 1 | | Unit 2 | | Unit 3 | | Unit 4 | |
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| Achievement standard | By the end of Year 9, students explain how peoples’ activities or environmental processes change the characteristics of places. They explain the effects of human activity on environments, and the effects of environments on human activity. They explain the features of biomes’ distribution and identify implications for environments. They analyse the interconnections between people and places and environments. They identify and explain how these interconnections influence people, and change places and environments. Students analyse strategies to address a geographical phenomenon or challenge using environmental, social or economic criteria.  Students develop a range of questions about a geographical phenomenon or challenge. They collect, represent and compare relevant and reliable geographical data and information by using a range of primary research methods and secondary research materials in a range of formats. They interpret and analyse data and information to explain patterns and trends and infer relationships. They draw evidence-based conclusions about the impact of the geographical phenomenon or challenge. They develop and evaluate strategies, predict impacts and make a recommendation. Students use geographical knowledge, concepts, terms and digital tools as appropriate to develop descriptions, explanations and responses that acknowledge research findings. | | By the end of Year 9, students explain how peoples’ activities or environmental processes change the characteristics of places. They explain the effects of human activity on environments, and the effects of environments on human activity. They explain the features of biomes’ distribution and identify implications for environments. They analyse the interconnections between people and places and environments. They identify and explain how these interconnections influence people, and change places and environments. 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| Content descriptions | Units | | | | Content descriptions | Units | | | |
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| Knowledge and understanding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Skills | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **Biomes and food security**  the distribution and characteristics of biomes as regions with distinctive climates, soils, vegetation and productivity  AC9HG9K01 |  |  |  |  | **Questioning and researching using geographical methods**  develop a range of questions for a geographical inquiry related to a phenomenon or challenge  AC9HG9S01 |  |  |  |  |
| the effects on environments of human alteration of biomes to produce food, industrial materials and fibres  AC9HG9K02 |  |  |  |  | collect, represent and compare data and information from primary research methods, including fieldwork and secondary research materials, using geospatial technologies and digital tools as appropriate  AC9HG9S02 |  |  |  |  |
| the environmental, economic and technological factors that impact agricultural productivity, in Australia and a country in Asia  AC9HG9K03 |  |  |  |  | **Interpreting and analysing geographical data and information**  evaluate geographical data and information to make generalisations and predictions, explain patterns and trends and infer relationships  AC9HG9S03 |  |  |  |  |
| challenges to sustainable food production and food security in Australia and appropriate management strategies  AC9HG9K04 |  |  |  |  | **Concluding and decision-making**  evaluate data and information to justify conclusions  AC9HG9S04 |  |  |  |  |
| **Geographies of interconnections**  the ways changing transportation and technologies are used to connect people to services, information and people in other places  AC9HG9K05 |  |  |  |  | develop and evaluate strategies using environmental, economic or social criteria; recommend a strategy and explain the predicted impacts  AC9HG9S05 |  |  |  |  |
| the effects on places of people’s travel, recreational, cultural or leisure choices, and the strategies for managing the impacts on these places  AC9HG9K06 |  |  |  |  | **Communicating**  create descriptions, explanations and responses, using geographical knowledge and geographical tools as appropriate, and concepts and terms that incorporate and acknowledge research findings  AC9HG9S06 |  |  |  |  |
| the ways that places and people are interconnected with other places through trade in goods and services, at all scales  AC9HG9K07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the impacts of the production and consumption of goods on places throughout the world, and strategies to manage sustainability in these places  AC9HG9K08 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| General capabilities | Units | | | |  | Cross-curriculum priorities | Units | | | |
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| Critical and creative thinking |  |  |  |  |  | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures |  |  |  |  |
| Digital literacy |  |  |  |  |  | Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia |  |  |  |  |
| Ethical understanding |  |  |  |  |  | Sustainability |  |  |  |  |
| Intercultural understanding |  |  |  |  |
| Literacy |  |  |  |  |
| Numeracy |  |  |  |  |
| Personal and social capability |  |  |  |  |

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