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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the third edition of the Geography Bulletin for 2020. This edition is dedicated to Stage 6, although many of the materials would be useful in stages 4 and 5 geography classes.

Thank you to the teachers who contributed to another bumper issue and for your willingness to share teaching strategies, ideas and resources with colleagues.

An **Edition 3 Supplement** contains full sized templates and activities that might be reproduced / printed for students. A PPT containing visual images used throughout the bulletin can be used by students to complete activities and skills or by teachers.

Articles have been organised into groupings:

In the classroom

This is an interesting collection of articles that relate to classroom practice and pedagogy.

- In **Building confidence and success in Stage 6** Khya Brooks explains her approach to building a culture of student responsibility.
- **Revision strategies and activities** by Alex Pentz contains a collection of proven 'retrieval' practices for exam preparation..
- In **Formative Assessment** Grace Larobina explains an approach used at Hills Grammar based on peer assessment and feedback.
- Lorraine Chaffer's **Revision using HSC Exam questions** provides a template requiring students to assess the level of difficulty of selected past HSC questions before making a selection of questions for practice.
- In **Building literacy capabilities** David Proctor provides strategies and scaffolds to improve student writing in the HSC exam.
- Jaye Dunn shares **HSC essay scaffolds: Topic sentences**, a strategy she developed to assist students struggling to 'get started' when required to write HSC responses.
- **Half a crossword** by Katerina Stojanovski is a clever and different way to revise topic terminology and conceptual knowledge.
- David Proctor has shared two **HSC revision crosswords** that can be adapted to match the case studies taught in a school.

Year 11: Biophysical Interactions

- In **Exploring the Cryosphere** Lorraine Chaffer reflects on the dilemma created by overlapping content created by the new 7–10 Geography Syllabus and the older Stage 6 syllabus. 'An approach that uses a study of the cryosphere to draw out student knowledge of biophysical interactions is outlined.'
- **Understanding Sea Levels: Ask NASA Science Blog** is for teacher enrichment and could be used to differentiate the curriculum for the most capable students.
- **Teaching for Deep Understanding: 'How I teach – Global Atmospheric Circulation Model'** is a blog entry from Team Geography that illustrates how lessons can be structured to reinforce key concepts.

Year 12: Ecosystems at Risk

These two articles develop understanding about coral reef resilience and coral bleaching.

- **Great Barrier Reef – Resilience and change** by Lorraine Chaffer
- **Great Barrier Reef – ABC Catalyst activity** by Justin Mahoney

Year 12: People and economic activity

Covid-19 has impacted most economic activities and enterprises.

- In **Economic activities and COVID-19** Lorraine Chaffer uses stimulus material to focus student thinking on the impact of the pandemic on the activity and enterprise they studied.
- In **Global Tourism update** Grant Kleeman examines the status of the tourism industry in 2020, including the impact of Covid-19.

Year 12: Urban Places

- Matt Carroll has provided a detailed, structured approach to teaching Megacities in **Busting the bands in Urban Places**.
- **COVID-19 and the future of cities:** An article from *Economics Observatory* and comments by the Editor
- **Teaching in and listening to the COVID-19 City:** Exploring lived experience in pandemic times by Susan Caldis
- Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre outlines the **Virtual fieldwork** webinars developed to replace real fieldwork that many schools are unable to attend.

Stage 6 Skills contains a selection of stimulus material collated by Lorraine Chaffer and associated skills activities. The activities can be found in the Edition 3 Supplement and images in the PPT.

In the skills section there are infographics for tourism, The Great Barrier Reef, Dharavi slum and the cryosphere as well as photographs and news reports.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

- TERM 3: Special Edition Geography Bulletin – Stage 6 Case studies
- TERM 4: Geography Bulletin 4
- TERM 4: Professional learning digital package: Plan for 2021 (Coming soon)
- 2021 SAVE THE DATE: Annual Conference 6 and 7 May. Venue TBC
- 2021 SAVE THE DATE: Australian Geography Teachers Association Conference in Hobart 29 September – 1 October.
- New Open Learning Courses for flexible Professional Learning

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GTA NSW & ACT Annual Conference 2021

THE GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY: Shaping futures

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