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BUSINESS STUDIES



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BUSINESS STUDIES MORE THAN A SUBJECT

Business Studies equips the Selbornian with an understanding of how the world of work, trade and enterprise functions. In a rapidly changing economy, the Selborne learner requires more than content knowledge. He must develop the ability to think critically, apply concepts accurately and make responsible decisions.

The subject develops responsibility through financial awareness, ethical decision making and an understanding of the consequences of business actions. It builds character by requiring perseverance in a content heavy discipline that demands consistency, discipline and attention to detail. The Selbornian engages with real world issues such as labour relations, entrepreneurship, sustainability and corporate citizenship.

Business Studies also strengthens leadership formation. The Selborne learner studies how organisations are structured, how decisions are made and how leaders influence outcomes. He learns that success in business is the result of planning, accountability and teamwork rather than chance.

THE SELBORNE APPROACH

The Selborne approach to Business Studies emphasises relevance and application. Concepts are unpacked through current examples, case studies and structured discussion so that the Selbornian understands the value of the subject beyond the textbook. Where possible, guest speakers from industry provide authenticity and practical insight into the curriculum.



Support structures assist learners who find the subject demanding. Strong emphasis is placed on organisation, disciplined study habits and examination technique. Assessment tasks are aligned with CAPS requirements and are structured to reward preparation, consistency and accurate application of knowledge. The focus remains on steady progress and academic accountability.





EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Business Studies at Selborne values growth, commitment and resilience. Achievement is understood as the product of sustained effort, structured support and disciplined preparation.

Outside of the assessment marks and end-of-term results, the Selbornian develops strong foundational skills in analysis, financial literacy and structured extended writing. These competencies strengthen performance across other subjects and support readiness for tertiary study and the workplace.

Excellence is measured through progress made, confidence developed and the ability to apply knowledge effectively under rigorous marking conditions. These outcomes reflect the broader academic culture of Selborne College.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Business Studies extends learning into practical experience. Guest speakers provide insight into contemporary business challenges and career pathways, enabling the Selbornian to connect theory with reality.

As part of the Grade Eleven Manufacturing module, learners visit the Mercedes Benz manufacturing plant, where they observe

large scale production systems and organisational structures in operation.

This experience reinforces theoretical understanding within an authentic industrial environment.

Through these engagements, the Selborne learner recognises that Business Studies is a relevant and applied subject that prepares him for responsible participation in the modern economy.





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THE SELBORNE MAN

At Selborne College, we are not merely preparing boys to pass examinations, win fixtures, or collect accolades. We are forming young men.

A Selborne man is:

- **Intellectually Disciplined**
He thinks carefully. He questions respectfully. He pursues understanding rather than surface familiarity. He is not afraid of rigour.
- **Morally Grounded**
He understands responsibility. He acts with integrity when no one is watching. He knows that character is revealed in pressure.
- **Courageous in Effort**
He does not withdraw from difficulty. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, he learns to persist.
- **Articulate and Thoughtful**
He can express his ideas clearly. He listens as well as he speaks. He engages the world with curiosity rather than cynicism.
- **Committed to Brotherhood**
He understands that strength is built in community. He supports others. He leads by example.
- **Prepared for the Future**
He leaves Selborne adaptable, capable, and ready to contribute meaningfully to society. Every subject, every sport, every society exists to shape these qualities.

That is the Selborne standard.

