

## **Religious Tradition Studies**

This syllabus considers the five major religious traditions to be Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

The purpose of this section is to develop a comprehensive view of religious traditions as living religious systems that link directly with the life of adherents. Elements raised in the Nature of Religion and Beliefs are covered in greater depth in the study of a religious tradition. In a Religious Tradition Study, the particular focus is on the ways in which a religious tradition, as an integrated belief system, provides a distinctive answer to the enduring questions of human existence.

The study of a particular religious tradition enables students to demonstrate an appreciation of the diversity of expression within, and the underlying unity of the whole religious tradition. This study is essential preparation for the Religious Tradition Depth Studies in the HSC course.

For reasons of equity and clarity, the content areas of study for each religious tradition are set out in a similar pattern. Learning experiences are to be appropriate to the distinctive nature of each religious tradition. All aspects are interrelated and the order in which they are listed need not determine the order of study.

### **Note:**

**Studies of Religion I students complete TWO Religious Tradition Studies of 22 indicative hours each.**

**Studies of Religion II students complete THREE Religious Tradition Studies of 22 indicative hours each.**