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Memories of Social Science Excursions and Incursions - changes over 40 years

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The past students and teachers of Trinity would remember a number of successful incursions and excursions. English studies and various senior social sciences subjects teach students communication skills in an information age and help students access cultural heritage and tradition. Debating, both QDU and the local Rotary competition, were key experiences for our students and included numerous successes. They often led to a future in law or government.

Trinity College has seen Junior Social Science called SOSE, 'Studies of Society and Environment', History and Geography, 'Social Education', 'Social Inquiry' and recently Humanities. When Ms Jasmine Brown was Head of Department, an annual Medieval Day included numerous costumes. She initiated the Kokoda Trail event.



She, Mr Damien Nelson, and others walked Kokoda making history very real to attendees. Past Academic Coordinators who have initiated various excursions have included Mrs. Kathy Ward, Mrs. Jasmine Brown, Mrs. Catherine Agius, Mrs. Vanessa Mensah, and Mrs. Leanne Morgan (Creighton) Ms Elizabeth Bale and Mr Tiernan Greene to name some. Each of these has left indelible memories of lessons, excursions and research and essay construction skills.

When I began teaching at Trinity, Mrs Marilyn Graham, Ms Bunting and then Mr Greg Heyes taught Ancient History. Students at reunions have fond memories of these classes which involved excursions to the Abbey Museum of Ancient History and in one year only, an excursion to Greece and Italy. Modern History lessons with Mrs Kathy Ward included the Mothers of the Plaza De Mayo (Year 11) and singing suffragettes songs (Year 12). Mr Matthew Mackle as Head of English took excursions to theatre nights. I remember his rendition of "For the Fallen" at several Anzac Day ceremonies along with speeches by ex-servicemen giving students understanding of the cost of past battles.

Geography hosted local area studies of Coomera and Mount Tamborine as well as gentrification in Spring Hill, and beach erosion on the Gold Coast. Senior Modern History, Ancient History, Geography and Study of Society have always been available to students of Trinity. Legal Studies was a later addition. From 2003, there were Legal Studies excursions to the Court house with Ms Pettiford or Mr Bath and Mooting teams coached by Mrs Agius for the Bond University adjudicated competitions. Trinity students continue to gain access to the majority of these subject offerings.

