

# PSYCHOLOGY

## Guide to the New TASC Course



The new *Psychology* Level 3 course is comparable with other Australian jurisdictions senior secondary Accounting courses in terms of the fundamental knowledge and skills.

Teachers have some flexibility to make decisions about the sequence of learning, the emphasis to be given to particular areas of content and any adjustments required, based on the needs, interests and abilities of their students.

### WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:

- study the same five (5) modules
- know and use the terms, concepts and principles that are fundamental to psychology and psychological research
- be explicitly taught psychological knowledge and theories and the development of psychological literacy
- develop high-level skills in oral and written responses
- complete an Investigative Project as part of the external assessment requirements
- critically analyse and evaluate the theories related to the four (4) content modules.

### WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- Course criteria and standards have been written to be consistent with the content modules.

### HOW DOES THE COURSE CATER FOR ALL STUDENTS?

- It is recommended that learners studying *Psychology* have successfully completed *Introduction to Sociology and Psychology* Level 2 as a minimum or have attained equivalent knowledge, skills and understanding.
- It is inclusive of the learning needs of all students.
- Particular advice about supporting students with need is included in on-line support material.

### WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

- A course supplement designed to support teachers new to or returning to teaching this course.
- Professional Learning to support course implementation.
- Advice on programming (scope and sequence documentation).