Economic decisions have a crucial influence on the quality of life experienced by people throughout the world. At Masada we offer Economics as a Preliminary course in Year 11 and an HSC course in Year 12.

**OUR MISSION**

- Students who study Economics at Masada develop knowledge and skills that enable them to:
  - Comprehend the background & implications of contemporary economic issues
  - Discuss appropriate policies to solve economic problems and issues
  - Understand what a change in interest rates, taxes, share values or the value of the Australian dollar means to individuals, businesses and the economy
  - Analyse fluctuations in the global & Australian economy and their likely effects
  - Understand reasons for changes in employment patterns, inflation & economic growth
  - Identify appropriate strategies to protect the natural environment or improve income inequalities

**Our Results**

Our Higher School Certificate results have been outstanding in Economics and in the past Masada has placed in the top 10 schools in NSW.

2008: 69% of students gained **Band 6** (state average 16%) & 94% were in the top 2 Bands

2009: 46% of students gained **Band 6** (state average 14%) & 100% were in the top 2 Bands

2010: 60% of students gained **Band 6** (state average 14%)

2011: 45% of students gained **Band 6** (state average 10%)

2012: **100%** of students in the **Bands 5 & 6** (state average 47%)

**The average mark** of Masada students is consistently around **89%** in Economics.

Masada students love to debate various issues and our small class sizes in Economics have given all students a chance to develop their analytical ability and this is reflected in our results.
Extra Curricular Activities and Special Events

Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities outside the classroom including:

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Australian Economics Competition (Masada students have had great success winning cash prizes for achieving High Distinctions)
- “Leading Edge”, UBS and various economists seminars covering all topics in the HSC
- Australian Securities Exchange Share Market Game (played twice a year)

Support

Students who have difficulty with Economics are provided with excellent support. All Masada students in Year 11 and 12 have a tutorial lesson where they can make an appointment with their teachers to discuss progress. In the holiday periods students are also able to email their work to receive feedback.

Tertiary Study

Many of our students at Masada combine their Economics with other supporting subjects such as Business Studies and Accounting and then continue their tertiary studies in these areas.