

Legal Studies

2 Units for each of Year 11 and Year 12 Board Developed Course.	Exclusions: Nil												
<p>Course Description:</p> <p>Our society is regulated by a complex set of rules and regulations which both guide and protect individual and community rights. Being well informed about legal issues, including the rights and responsibilities integral to our society, is part of being an active and informed citizen. Students of Legal Studies Stage 6 will develop an understanding of legal concepts and the way the law functions in our society.</p> <p>The syllabus focuses on the way in which law is generated, how it is structured and how it operates in Australian and international contexts. Learning about our legal system will allow students to investigate the way our society operates and the influences that shape it.</p> <p>Students will develop an understanding of the implications that legal decisions can have for Australian society and the ways in which the legal system can affect the lives of Australian citizens. A critical understanding of the processes of reform and change will help students to contribute to making our society more equitable for all.</p> <p>The Legal Studies Stage 6 course offers excellent preparation for life through a study of the legal system, its principles, structures, institutions and processes. The course fosters respect for cultural diversity. It allows students to question and evaluate legal institutional structures in the domestic and international environments and to undertake a comparative analysis of other political and institutional structures.</p> <p>Legal Studies enables students to have confidence in approaching and accessing the legal system and provides them with a better appreciation of the relationship between social and legal structures. The course will assist in the development of students' knowledge of their basic legal rights and responsibilities in a broad selection of contexts which appeal to their interests.</p>													
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Particular Course Requirements: No special requirements													
Assessment Year 12 Course Only													
External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting										
A three hour written examination	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of the course content • Analysis and Evaluation • Inquiry and research • Communication of legal information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms 	40 20 20 20										
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