

LEGAL STUDIES

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Preliminary course develops students' knowledge and understanding about the nature and social functions of law and law making, the development of Australian and international legal systems, the Australian constitution, the operation of the court system and the rights and duties of individuals in relation to the power of the state. This is achieved by investigating, analysing and synthesising legal information and investigating legal issues from a variety of perspectives.

The HSC course investigates the key areas of law, justice and human rights through a variety of focus studies which consider how changes in society influence law reform.

MAIN TOPICS COVERED:

Preliminary Course

- The Legal System 40% of course time
- The Individual and the State 30% of course time
- The Law in Practice 30% of course time

HSC Course

- Core Part I: Crime 30% of course time
- Core Part II: Human Rights 20% of course time
- Additional Focus Studies
 - Indigenous People 25% of course time
 - World Order 25% of course time

KEY THEMES INCORPORATED ACROSS ALL TOPICS: Justice, Law & Society, Culture, Values and Ethics, Conflict and Cooperation, Continuity and Change, Legal Processes and Institutions, Effectiveness of the Legal System.

ASSESSMENT HSC COURSE ONLY	
EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT	INTERNAL ASSESSMENT
A three hour written examination:	Internal Assessment: The four parts of the course are assessed through a range of tasks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• knowledge and understanding• research & enquiry• oral and written communication
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