

## Course: LEGAL STUDIES



2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course

**Exclusions:** Nil. You **do not** need to have studied Commerce to complete this course.

### Who should choose Legal Studies?

Students who are independent, determined, motivated and hardworking will gain a sense of achievement as they master the complex themes and challenges covered in Legal Studies. Advanced writing skills will be an advantage when preparing and practising for assessments and evaluating the large volume of content in the course.

### Why should you choose Legal Studies?

Legal Studies is a subject that applies to all people in society and focuses on investigating relevant contemporary issues. This course has proved to be popular because of its practical applications to the real world of crime and justice. Beyond school, Legal Studies will be of assistance in any chosen vocation and the employability skills of planning and organising, learning and communication are explicit in the objectives, outcomes and content of the course.

### How will you learn in Legal Studies?

There are many styles of learning that are applied in Legal Studies. External visits to the local and supreme courts will help you to gain an understanding of the real world application of the Australian legal system. You will also learn through discussions, legislations, cases and media to evaluate the impact of the law on individuals and society. Exam specific preparation, in particular activities to develop extended response writing skills, will be provided to help you maximise your performance in the HSC examination.

### Expectations in Legal Studies

As a Legal Studies student you are required to complete all set tasks on time and to the best of your ability. Revise and/or study Legal Studies content daily as part of a rigorous study plan. In order to ensure your ability to demonstrate extensive knowledge and understanding of the course content you are required to watch, read and/or listen to at least 30 minutes of news and/or current affairs each day and take notes.

### Main Topics Covered

Preliminary Course	HSC Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Core Part I: The legal system</li><li>Core Part II: The individual and the law</li><li>Core Part III: Law in practice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Core Part I: Crime</li><li>Core Part II: Human Rights</li><li>Options Part III: Family and Shelter</li></ul>

### Assessment HSC Course only

External Assessment	Marks	Internal Assessment	Weighting
Three hour written examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple choice</li><li>Short answer</li><li>Three extended responses</li></ul>	20 15 65	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Knowledge and understanding of course content</li><li>Stimulus-based skills</li><li>Inquiry and research</li><li>Communication of legal information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms</li></ul>	40% 20% 20% 20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>