

## LEGAL STUDIES – 2 UNIT

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The course 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.

In Legal Studies, 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.

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.

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.

The Legal Studies Stage 6 course also provides learning that prepares students for further education and training, employment and full and active participation as citizens in Australia and in the global society. Students gain the skills of critical analysis, independent research, collaboration, and effective communication.

### THE STRUCTURE OF LEGAL STUDIES

	Preliminary	HSC	
<b>Core</b> 40%	<b>Core Part I: The legal system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic legal concepts</li><li>• Sources of contemporary Australian law</li><li>• Classification of law</li><li>• Law reform</li><li>• Law reform in action</li></ul>	<b>Core Part I: Crime</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The nature of crime</li><li>• The criminal investigation process</li><li>• The criminal trial process</li><li>• Sentencing and punishment</li><li>• Young offenders</li><li>• International crime</li></ul>	<b>Core</b> 30%

	Preliminary	HSC	
Core 30%	<p><b>Core Part II: The individual and the law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your rights and responsibilities</li> <li>• Resolving disputes</li> <li>• Contemporary issue: the individual and technology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Core Part II: Human rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature and development of human rights</li> <li>• Promoting and enforcing human rights</li> <li>• Contemporary issue</li> </ul>	Core 20%
Core 30%	<p><b>Core Part III: Law in practice</b></p> <p>The Law in practice unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the principles of law covered in the first sections of the course. <b>This section may be integrated with Part I and/or Part II.</b></p>	<p><b>Part III: Options</b></p> <p><b>Choose Two</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumers</li> <li>• Global environmental protection</li> <li>• Family</li> <li>• Indigenous peoples</li> <li>• Shelter</li> <li>• Workplace</li> <li>• World order</li> </ul>	Option 25% each

**Please note:**

**Outcomes** are applicable to all topics. Some may be more relevant to a particular topic than others. Outcomes may be examined.

The **principal focus** for each topic may be examined.

