



Holsworthy
High School

HSIE Faculty

COMMERCE



WHY STUDY COMMERCE?

Commerce develops knowledge, skills and understanding of consumer, financial, business, legal and employment matters. It develops the students' ability to:

- research information
- apply problem-solving strategies
- evaluate options

These skills are important in order for us to make informed and responsible decisions. Commerce is strongly connected to everyday life and business.

Commerce is a course that provides a solid basis for senior study in the following subjects:

- Geography
- Society and Culture
- Legal Studies
- Business Studies

TOPICS TO STUDY

Core Topics—Compulsory for students

1. Consumer and Financial Decisions
2. The Economic and Business Environment
3. Employment and Work Futures
4. Law, Society and Political Involvement

Options—Select four topics

1. Our Economy
2. Investing
3. Promoting and Selling
4. Running a Business
5. Law in Action
6. Travel
7. Towards Independence

ASSESSMENT

- Research Projects
- Group Tasks
- Court Report
- Article Study
- Extended Writing

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Students will engage in a range of teaching and learning activities including:

- Small group work
- Individual learning
- Extension activities
- Mock Trials
- Excursions
- Research
- Oral presentations
- Debates
- Extended writing

The use of ICT is an integral part of learning

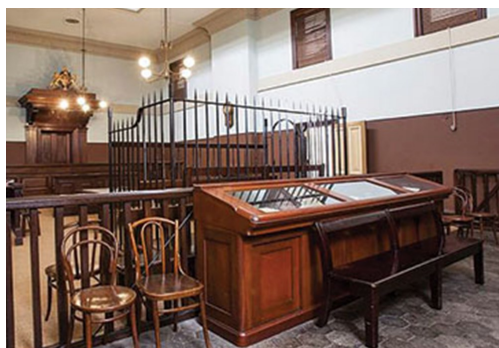
Internet research, multimedia presentations, using email, desktop publishing, and website analysis are regularly used to engage students.

Excursions

Excursions play a valuable role in enhancing understanding of coursework. Students have the opportunity to visit a wide range of places.

Commerce students visit the Downing Centre District Court and the Supreme Court in the city to experience first hand how our legal system operates. They are able to witness a trial in progress to learn about the court system.

The Police and Justice Museum is an enjoyable and interesting place to learn about how our legal system developed and students get to participate in a mock trial. The famous Pyjama Girl murder mystery is a feature exhibit at the museum.



Students also have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from the Police Service or to a barrister. Here, they learn first hand about the law and its application in society.

Commerce is a great course for young adults as they enter the stage of their life where they get jobs, start to earn an income and need to be aware of the world of finance and the law.

Commerce relates to everyday life:

- Paying taxes
- The law
- Gaining employment
- Earning an income
- Teaching you how to be independent

In Year 10 Running a Business is a very popular topic of study. The students have to plan and operate a business they initiate during a lunchtime at school. The aim of the activity was for students to be business entrepreneurs responsible for their own business venture and to raise money. Preparation for the day involve the planning and organising of the activities necessary to run their own business.



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