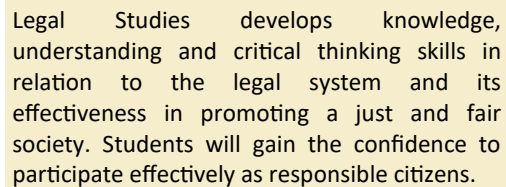




# LEGAL STUDIES



The Legal Studies Stage 6 Course provides learning that prepares students for further education and training, employment 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.

*“There is a lot of loose talk in Australia about democracy, the rule of law and basic rights. Unless we educate future citizens about the broad outline of our laws, they may grow up feeling that law is alien to their experience.”*

**Michael Kirby**  
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia

Students will access legal information from a range of sources including:

- current legal cases
- current legislation
- the media

## ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed using a range of methods including:

- Research tasks
- Article analysis
- Documentary viewing and analysis
- Oral presentations
- Extended responses
- Multimedia presentations

## PRELIMINARY COURSE – YEAR 11

Students develop an understanding of the nature and functions of law through the examination of the law-making processes and institutions.

## Part I: The Legal System

- 40% Basic legal concept  
Sources of Australian law  
Constitution  
International law  
Classification law  
Law reform  
Documentary and films

## Part II: The individual and the law

- 30% Your rights and responsibilities  
Resolving dispute  
Technology (Facebook,  
Twitter, cyberspace)

## Part III: Law in practice

Through case studies, students deepen their understanding of the principles of law. Topics of study include:

- 30% Women migrants  
Port Arthur massacre  
Outlaw motorcycle gangs  
Bali bombings

## HSC COURSE – YEAR 12

Through the use of a range of contemporary examples, students investigate criminal law, processes and institutions and the tension between community interests and individual rights and freedoms.

## Part I: Crime (core)

- 30% Nature of Crime - (Documentary and films on Anita Cobby, Ivan Milat, Skaff brothers)  
Criminal trial process  
Sentencing and punishment  
Young offenders  
International crime

## Part II: Human rights

- 20% The nature and development of human rights  
Promoting and enforcing human rights  
Investigating a contemporary issue ie. Genocide, torture, abuse of children, human trafficking, slavery

## Part III: Options

- 50% Shelter  
Family Law

Legal Studies develops knowledge of basic legal rights and responsibilities in society which affects us all.



## Learning Activities

Excursions and guest speakers play an important and valuable role in the Legal Studies course. Taking part in these activities gives students an opportunity to see how the legal system operates in the real world. Past excursions have included visits to the Supreme Court and District Court of NSW. By observing the legal system in operation, students are able to better understand the importance of the concept of justice and the law.



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