Legal Studies

Course length: Full year
Credit value: 20 credits

Advice to students
No background knowledge is required but students do need to have good literacy skills.

Course overview
The study of Legal Studies provides insight into law-making, the processes of dispute resolution and the administration of justice. Students investigate legal perspectives on contemporary issues in society. They reflect on, and make informed judgements about, strengths and weaknesses of the Australian legal system.

Students consider how, and to what degree, these weaknesses may be remedied.

Students study the following four topics:
1. The Australian legal system
2. Constitutional government
3. Law-making
4. Justice systems.

Assessment
Students demonstrate evidence of their learning through the following assessment types.

School-based assessment
- Folio 50%
- Inquiry 20%

External assessment
- Examination (3 hours) 30%

Pathways
Legal Studies provides students with skills for further study in the areas of Justice Studies and Law. Useful background for students wishing to join the police force.

Further information
Students may need to purchase a revision guide at a cost of $12.