

Legal Studies

Level: Stage 2

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.

At SACE Stage 2 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.