

Semester 2 - INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL STUDIES

Imagine if there were no laws and people could do anything they wanted. It's safe to say the world would be a pretty chaotic place! Every society needs some form of regulation to ensure peace not only in daily life but also in broader areas, such as business, family disputes, traffic violations, and the protection of children. Laws are essential to preserving our way of life and must be established and upheld in everyone's best interest.

In Law and Order: Introduction to Legal Studies, you'll delve deeper into the importance of laws and consider how their application affects us as individuals and communities. Through understanding the court system and how laws are actually enacted, you will learn to appreciate the larger legal process and how it safeguards us all. This unit will also focus on Youth Justice, the role of the United Nations and Australia's international obligations.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

Legal Studies is a general subject suited to students who are interested in pathways beyond Year 12 that lead to work, vocational education or tertiary studies. A course of study in Legal Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of law, law enforcement, criminology, justice studies and politics. The knowledge, skills and attitudes gained by Legal Studies students are transferable to all discipline areas and post-schooling tertiary pathways because the research and analytical skills developed by this course are universally valued in business, health, science and engineering industries.

Future careers: -

- Research
- Policy development
- Social planning
- Teaching
- Advocacy
- Corrective services
- Legal administration/paralegal
- Community education
- Lawyer/solicitor
- Probation officer
- Social worker
- Magistrate
- Criminology



Assessment

A variety of assessment techniques may be used:

- short and/or extended written responses
- research assignments
- multi-modal presentations

