



Doonside Technology High School



LEGAL STUDIES



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Criminal Law

What is Legal Studies?

“Legal Studies offers students the opportunity to become well informed on legal issues, including the rights and responsibilities essential to develop into active and informed citizens in our society.”

Students will:

- develop a deep understanding of the development of the Australian Legal System
- discover the importance of a fair and just legal system
- examine the sources of law in Australia
- study the Court System and the mechanisms available for law reform
- explore and assess the effectiveness of the Australian Legal System in its ability to provide fair and just outcomes for individuals in society
- carry out study in topics such as: Crime, Human Rights, Family Law and World Order/Indigenous People and the Law.



Skills developed include:

- problem-solving strategies
- constructing informed explanations
- critical thinking
- evaluation and research skills
- knowledge of the legal system
- understanding of complex social issues

Careers

political adviser
barrister
government official
journalist
police officer
teaching
criminologist
paralegal
business

Course Outline

Preliminary

Core Part I: The legal system – 40%

- Basic legal concepts
- Sources of contemporary Australian law
- Classification of law
- Law reform
- Law reform in action

Core Part II: The individual and the law – 30%

- Your rights and responsibilities
- Resolving disputes
- Contemporary issue: the individual and technology

Core Part III: Law in practice – 30%

The Law in practice unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the principles of law covered in the first sections of the course. This section may be integrated with Part I and/or Part II.

HSC

Core Part I: Crime – 30%

- The nature of crime
- The criminal investigation process
- The criminal trial process
- Sentencing and punishment
- Young offenders
- International crime

Core Part II: Human rights – 20%

- The nature and development of human rights
- Promoting and enforcing human rights
- Contemporary issue

Part III: Options – 50% (each option 25%)

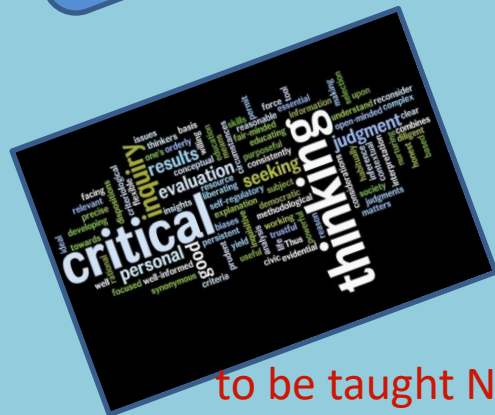
Choose **TWO** to complete

- Consumers
- Global environmental protection
- Family
- Indigenous peoples
- Shelter
- Workplace
- World order

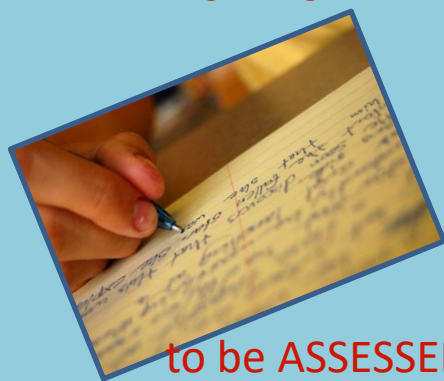
Assessment Guidelines

Preliminary		HSC	
The legal system: Topic Test	(10%)	Crime: Case study	(15%)
Research Report	(35%)	Half Yearly Examination	(15%)
Essay	(35%)	Focus Study 1: World Order Essay	(20%)
Examination	(20%)	Focus Study 2: Family Law in class Task	(20%)
		Trial HSC Examination	(30%)

Studying Legal Studies



to be taught **NEW SKILLS**



to be **ASSESSED**

- Oral, visual presentations
- Short answer questions
- Source Analysis
- Essays
- Exams



be **ENGAGED ...**

Expect ...



to be well equipped
for future careers

- Business
- Media
- Legal profession
- Education
- Journalism



to be **CHALLENGED...**



to be **INFORMED ...**



to enjoy excursions

- Court House, The Supreme court, the Police and Justice Museum, the State Library, Mock Trials