

Make it Legal

BECAUSE LEGAL MATTERS.

WHY I SHOULD CHOOSE LEGAL STUDIES

There are a number of reasons why you should study Legal Studies. Here is what some students have to say:

Xia: Studying Legal Studies has really helped me in my first year of paralegal studies at university. I am already familiar with a lot of the terms and concepts discussed in lectures.

Terri: What I found really interesting about VCE Legal Studies is that you discuss how the legal system works and how the law works. I have learnt to question what justice really means.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/legalstudies/LegalSD_2018.pdf

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VCE LEGAL STUDIES - ONE OF LIFE'S ESSENTIALS.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COURTS?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO INFLUENCE CHANGES IN THE LAW?

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS?

LEGAL STUDIES IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR VCE SUBJECTS.

IT PROVIDES YOU WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND
THE OPERATION OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHAT IS LEGAL STUDIES?

Legal Studies explores questions of justice.

Is our legal process fair?

Do all parties receive a fair hearing?

Are all people treated equally before the law? Do all people have an equal opportunity to present their case?

Do they understand their rights and how to resolve a dispute?

Throughout the course you will question if our justice system achieves the principles of justice: fairness, equality and access to justice.

WHY STUDY LEGAL STUDIES?

In Legal Studies, you will:

- explore how law shapes our society and examine the rights, responsibilities and roles of individuals and groups
- consider a range of ways disputes can be resolved
- evaluate contemporary legal cases and the extent to which these cases reflect the principles of justice
- develop the ability to research and analyse legal information and apply legal reasoning and decision-making skills
- apply critical thinking to solve legal problems
- understand decision-making processes and the ways in which individuals can influence law-making
- discuss concepts of justice and human rights.

UNIT 1

You will explore the main sources and types of law, and assess the effectiveness of laws.

You will examine the purposes and key concepts of criminal and civil law. You will use legal reasoning to argue the criminal culpability of an accused based on case studies. You also apply legal reasoning to argue the liability of a party in civil law.

UNIT 2

You examine how we determine a criminal case or resolve a civil dispute. This includes the work of courts and tribunals. You evaluate the effectiveness of sanctions, such as fines and imprisonment, for criminal offences. You also consider the effectiveness of remedies, such as an award of damages, in civil matters. Using case studies, you question the ability of sanctions and remedies to achieve the principles of justice. You also will look at the protection of rights in Australia and another country.

UNITS 3 AND 4

In these units, you study how disputes are resolved.

You review the role of bodies such as the courts, VCAT and Consumer Affairs Victoria in the legal system. You investigate the extent to which the principles of justice are upheld. You discuss recent reforms, or recommendations, to improve the justice system. You explore the law-making powers of parliament, how the Constitution protects the Australian people and the significance of the role of the High Court. You will investigate the relationship between parliaments and the courts in law-making, and consider the roles of the individual, the media and law reform bodies in influencing law reform.