

# Legal studies

## HSC Course

*'Legal Studies is an invigorating course which encompasses a range of interesting topics relevant to today's society – including crime, the status of particular focus groups in society including women, mentally ill and families. It is a course which enhances your knowledge and awareness of contemporary issues. Not once will you ask "will I ever use this in the future?"*

*You do not need any knowledge of the legal system prior to starting this course. If you enjoy in-depth investigation, have an interest in the legal system or want to be or in touch with today's current issues, then this is the course for you. I highly recommend Legal Studies as both a thoroughly interesting and relevant course'.*

- Liesel Zink HSC Course 2005 (School Vice Captain).

## Main Topics Covered:

### Preliminary Course

- Part I – The Legal System (40% of course time)
- Part II – The Individual and the State (20% of course time)
- Part III – The Law in Focus (40% of course time)

Application of this part as the dynamic context for the study of Parts I and II in the following common areas:

- Status under the law
- Mechanisms for achieving justice
- Responsiveness of the legal system.

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- Law and Society (25% of course time)
- Focus Study: Crime (25% of course time)
- Additional Focus Studies (50% of course time)

Students will study two focus studies chosen from:

- Consumers
- Family
- Global environment
- Indigenous peoples
- Shelter
- Technological change
- Workplace
- World order

**Key themes incorporated across all topics:** Justice, law and society; Culture, values and ethics; Conflict and cooperation; Continuity and change; Legal processes and institutions; Effectiveness of the legal system.