

Legal Studies

The following contains a description of the course we offer to students at St Marys Senior High. It is intended as a guide to help you select your subjects and you should read it carefully.

Please note:

- The details given represent the way that the course is delivered at St Marys Senior High and may involve different choices from the way other schools might operate the same course.
- Classes can only be formed where sufficient students select the particular course. The fact that a course is listed here is not a commitment to run the course in a particular year.
- The arrangements for particular courses are subject to change for a variety of reasons.

Legal Studies - Course Details			
Units	Type	ATAR	Faculty Teaching This Course
2	Board Developed Course – Examinable at the HSC, marks can be used to count towards an ATAR	A – Counts towards an ATAR with no restrictions	Commercial Studies

What will I be doing in the course?

Preliminary Course

- Core Part I: The Legal System
- Core Part II: The Individual and The Law
- Core Part III: The Law in Practice – This unit is designed to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the principles of law that were covered in the first sections of the course. At least two contemporary issues are studied, involving groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, migrants, and people suffering mental illness or socio-economic disadvantage.

HSC Course

- Crime
- Human Rights
- Two options from: Consumers, Family, Global Environment of protection, Indigenous Peoples, Shelter, Workplace and World Order.

What should I be able to do at the end of the course?

Through a study of Legal Studies, students will learn to:

- Use and understand terms used in the legal process.
- Recognise legal problems and demonstrate logical reasoning in applying legal principles.
- Develop a working knowledge of the Australian legal system.
- Understand the evolution of the current legal system.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of our legal system.

How will this course help me in the future?

While this course is not designed to prepare students for further study in the law, it does introduce important legal terms and concepts which are of use in everyday life as well as in studies in a number of disciplines in tertiary educational institutions. That is, the course is designed to foster intellectual, social and moral development, empowering students to think critically about the role of the law and legal institutions in society. Students who study Legal Studies will come to develop an invaluable understanding of the legal system: its principles, its structures, its institutions and its processes.