AIMS:
- To make the study of Social Science enjoyable, relevant and practical.
- To give students a background to the workings of law in our society.
- To develop key investigative, written & analytical skills.
- To equip students with the necessary skills to gain employment or further education and training in the area.

CONTENT:
This unit will introduce students to the areas of criminal and civil law. This includes teenagers and their rights under the law, arrest procedures and sentencing. It will also go on to look at key court personnel, the various kinds of courts, case studies of trials and how the law was applied to these scenarios. The Legal Studies Taster seeks to build in students a sound knowledge of key concepts taught in the senior school.

PREREQUISITES:
It is recommended that students have a minimum of a sound level of achievement in English.

ASSESSMENT:
In addition to class tests, the other major assessment areas involve a practical field trip report.

COSTS: (In addition to the Student Resource Scheme - SRS)
Nil

EXCURSIONS:
Students will be required to undertake an excursion to the Supreme Court in Brisbane at an approximate cost of $40, as part of their studies.

CAREERS:
Legal Studies students develop considerable expertise in areas such as researching topics, knowing our law and legal systems and making judgements about society. Typical occupations would include:

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NOTE:
Legal Studies is a course that focuses on ‘real life’ investigations of local community legal issues, questions & procedures.