

<b>Subject name</b>	<b>Legal Studies</b>
<b>Subject code</b>	LEG
<b>Subject type</b>	General
<b>Subject fee</b>	Nil
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Year 11 (if subject is studied in Semester 2 Year 10) Minimum C for Legal Studies Year 11 (if subject is not studied in Semester 2 Year 10) Minimum C for an alternative Humanities subject and Minimum C General English/Literature/English as an additional language

### Course overview

Legal Studies gives students a background to the workings of law in our society while equipping students with the key investigative, written and analytical skills. Students who undertake Legal Studies are given a solid basis in the necessary skills to gain employment or further education and training in the area.

### Course outline

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
<b>Beyond reasonable doubt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal foundations</li> <li>• Criminal investigation process</li> <li>• Criminal trial process</li> <li>• Punishment and sentencing</li> </ul>	<b>Balance of probabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil law foundations</li> <li>• Contractual obligations</li> <li>• Negligence and the duty of care</li> </ul>	<b>Law, governance and change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance in Australia</li> <li>• Law reform within a dynamic society</li> </ul>	<b>Human rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human rights</li> <li>• Australia's legal response to international law and human rights</li> <li>• Human rights in Australian contexts</li> </ul>

### Assessment

The four categories of assessment in Legal Studies are:

- Combination response exam
- Argumentative essay
- Inquiry report
- Combination response

### Course requirements

Legal Studies is a recognised QCAA General subject and will contribute to an ATAR score.

### Excursions

There will be an excursion to the Supreme Court in Brisbane in Year 11 at an approximate cost of \$40.

### Career opportunities

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:

Police	Legal Secretary	Solicitor	Social Worker	Teacher
Librarian	Counsellor	Journalist	Writer	Diplomat
Public Service	Psychologist	Finance	Management	Criminologist

**NOTE:** Legal Studies is a course that focuses on 'real life' investigations of local community legal issues, questions and procedures.