SUBJECT OUTLINE: Throughout the course of Legal Studies students investigate many facets of law that impacts directly on their lives and allows them greater insight into the ways in which laws function to manage society.

Semesters 1 & 2
1. The Legal system: How does our legal system meet society’s needs?
2. Crime and Society: What is crime? How should society and the criminal justice system respond to it?
3. Civil Obligation: Civil wrongs (torts)
4. You, the law and society: Sport- What influence does the law have on sport?

Semesters 3 & 4
1. You, the law and society: Family- How does the law recognise and regulate family relationships?
2. Independent study: Students select and investigate a topic in contemporary society to research
3. Civil obligations: Agreements
4. Law in a changing society: What is, or should be, the role of law in society?

CONTRIBUTES TO OP: Yes

ASSESSMENT OUTLINE:

Semester 1 & 2
Short response exam
Extended response exam- Response to stimulus
Short response/ extended response exam
Inquiry task (written assignment)
Non-written presentation

Semester 3 & 4
Extended response- Response to stimulus
Extended response
Inquiry task (written assignment)
Non-written presentation
Extended response exam

CAREER PATHWAYS:
It is not the intention of Legal Studies to prepare students for entry to tertiary law courses. While study of the course will be beneficial should students take that course, it is primarily aimed to assist students to participate actively as more informed pro-active and critical members of our democratic society.

COSTS: General costs are covered in the Student Resource Scheme. An excursion to the Court House is required in Semester 1 (usually at a cost of approx.$20/ student to cover Teacher absence)

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES: For a student to enrol in Legal Studies they must have achieved a C standard or better in junior SOSE and be studying English.