

Humanities - GENERAL

Legal Studies takes you inside the systems that keep society running — exploring laws, courts, rights, and justice. You'll learn how laws are made, enforced, and changed, and why they matter to your everyday life.



What You'll Learn

- The Australian Legal System – how courts and parliament work.
- Criminal Law – what defines a crime, prosecution, and punishment.
- Punishment & Sentencing – from fines to imprisonment.
- Civil Law & Obligations – contracts, negligence, and duty of care.
- Government & Law Reform – how changing times bring new laws.
- Human Rights Law – local and global protections for people.

Assessment

- Analytical Essays – build persuasive legal arguments.
- Inquiry Reports – research and present real-world legal cases.
- Exams – apply your knowledge to different scenarios.

Skills Developed

These skills will help you succeed in any university course – not just law.

- Critical Thinking & Ethical Reasoning – analyse and evaluate legal issues.
- Research Skills – find, assess, and use credible sources.
- Academic Writing – clear, structured, evidence-based writing.

Career Pathways

Legal Studies can lead to careers in: Law, Criminology, Policing, Public Policy, Journalism, Government & International Relations.

Excursions

Every year we offer an optional excursion to explore the real world of law: **Brisbane or Toowoomba Law Courts** – watch real trials in action; and/or the **Law Library** – see how legal professionals conduct research. Some cost will be involved.



Because it's not just about learning laws...It's about understanding how the world works – and discovering how you can shape its future.
