

Ringwood Secondary College
2017 Course Planning Document

VCE Unit 1 Legal Studies

Time Allocation

This unit of work will consist of approximately 100 hours of which at least 50 hours will be class time. **To complete this unit of work satisfactorily, students must complete each of the following learning outcomes.**

Learning Outcomes

Outcome 1

The student should be able to explain the need for effective laws and describe the main sources and types of law in society.

Outcome 2

The student should be able to explain the key principles and types of criminal law, apply the key principles to relevant cases, and discuss the impact of criminal activity on the individual and society.

Outcome 3

The student should be able to describe the processes for the resolution of criminal cases, and discuss the capacity of these processes to achieve justice.

Assessment Tasks

1 Law Making and Criminal Law Test(s)

The student is required to complete a test(s) about law making and the criminal law.

Weighting: This task is worth 30% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 1 period per test

Due: Term 1, Week 5 & 9

2 Police Powers Research Assignment

The student is required to present a research project on balancing police powers and individual rights.

Weighting: This task is worth 20% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: Out of class time

Due: Term 2, Week 1

3 Court Visit Review

The student is required to visit the County and Supreme Courts and present a review of the visit that focuses on court personnel and procedure.

Weighting: This task is worth 20% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 1 day and 1 period

Due: Term 2, Week 4 (TBC, depending on date of court booking)

4 Semester Examination

The student is required to apply knowledge and understanding of outcomes 1, 2 and 3.

Weighting: This task is worth 30% of the overall grade

Time allocated to task: 90 minutes

Due: Term 2, Week 8