

Ringwood Secondary College
2017 Course Planning Document

VCE Unit 2 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 principles of civil law, law-making by courts, and elements of torts, and apply these to relevant cases.

Outcome 2

The student should be able to explain one or more areas of civil law, and discuss the legal system's capacity to respond to issues and disputes related to the selected area of law.

Outcome 3

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Outcome 4

The student should be able to describe an Australian case illustrating rights issues, and discuss the impact of the case on the legal system and the rights of individuals.

Assessment Tasks

1. Torts and Civil Procedure Tests

The student is required to complete one test about torts and one test about civil procedure, applying their knowledge of the relevant law to case studies.

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

Time allocated to task: 1 period

Due: Term 3, Week 4/ Term 3, Week 8

2. Law in Focus Assignment

Students are required to work in groups to prepare a presentation on a specific area of the law, explaining how the law responds to emerging issues related to the selected area of law.

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

Time allocated to task: 5 periods

Due: Term 4, Week 1

3. Rights Assignment

The student is required to conduct a detailed investigation into a case illustrating rights issues, demonstrating an understanding of individual rights within the Australian legal system.

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

Time allocated to task: 5 periods

Due: Term 4, Week 5

4. Semester Examination

The student is required to complete an examination covering all Outcomes.

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

Time allocated to task: 90 minutes

Due: Term 4, Week 7