

Ringwood Secondary College
2017 Course Planning Document
VCE Unit 4 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 describe and evaluate the effectiveness of institutions and methods used for the determination of criminal cases and the resolution of civil disputes.

Outcome 2

The student should be able to explain and evaluate the processes and procedures for the resolution of criminal cases and civil disputes, and evaluate the effectiveness of the legal system.

Assessment Tasks

1. Test on Dispute Resolution Methods

The student is required to identify and explain the dispute resolution methods used by VCAT and the Courts, and evaluate their effectiveness.

Weighting: This task is worth 40% of the overall grade **Time allocated to task:** 60 minutes
Due: Term 3, Week 2

2. Test on the Adversary System, Criminal Procedure and the Effectiveness of the Legal System

The student is required to evaluate the operation of the Adversary system of trial and compare features with the Inquisitorial system.

Weighting: This task is worth 30% of the overall grade **Time allocated to task:** 75 minutes
Due: Term 3, Week 5

3. Test on Civil Procedure, the Jury System and the Effectiveness of the Legal System

The student needs to be able to identify and explain the purpose of civil pre-trial procedures and evaluate the extent to which the processes and procedures used in our legal system contribute to its effectiveness. As well the student is required to demonstrate an understanding of the functions of a jury in criminal and civil trials and evaluate their effectiveness.

Weighting: This task is worth 30% of the overall grade **Time allocated to task:** 60 minutes
Due: Term 3, Week 9

4. End of Year Examination

The student is required to apply knowledge and understanding of key outcomes studied in Units 3 and 4.

Weighting: This task is worth 50% of the overall grade **Time allocated to task:** 120 minutes
Due: Unit 4 VCAA Written Examinations commence Term 4, Week 4 from 1/11/2017
Unit 4 Performance and Language Oral Examinations commence from 9/10/2017