LEGAL STUDIES

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COURSE OVERVIEW
Legal studies is about developing an understanding of the Australian legal system and how it affects your basic rights, obligations and responsibilities. You will explore how to become an active and informed citizen and learn how to constructively question and contribute to the improvement of laws and legal processes.

By examining factors that have led society to create a legal system, you will develop knowledge and understanding of the frameworks which regulate and shape our society.

You will develop confidence in approaching and accessing the Australian legal system and will develop a better appreciation of the relationship between social and legal structures.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Legal Studies course enables you to learn through the investigation of legal issues, exploring four core areas of study:

- The Legal System
- Criminal Law
- Introduction to Civil Obligations
- Human Rights
- Civil Wrongs (Torts) and the Law
- Indigenous Australians and the Law
- International Law
- Technology and the Law

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES
Assessment in Legal Studies gives you opportunities to apply your legal knowledge and understanding in a variety of situations. You will be given opportunities to communicate this information to audiences through written and spoken modes, or a combination of modes in a multimodal presentation.

In Legal Studies, assessment instruments including extended responses (including an independent inquiry) and examinations. An independent inquiry involves undertaking an independent, self-directed, in-depth investigation of a topical legal issue facing Australian society. Extended responses include responses to research or stimulus materials, such as legal case studies, legislation, essays, articles, speeches or presentations. Examinations may be extended response tests or short response tests, which include short answer responses.

In Year 12, you will be expected to complete at least one independent inquiry, at least one extended response and at least one supervised extended response test, responding to an unseen question.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Students should have a high level of writing skills, strong research skills and an interest in social issues.

It is recommended that students studying Legal Studies in Years 11 and 12 achieve a minimum of a high Sound (C+) level of achievement in Year 10 Humanities and English.

Laptops will be used in this course. It is compulsory for students choosing this subject to attend every lesson with a laptop. For minimum laptop requirements, refer to the document "Laptops at Chancellor State College" under Related links on the College website. [https://chancellorsc.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/ComputerandInternet/Pages/ComputerandInternet.aspx](https://chancellorsc.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/ComputerandInternet/Pages/ComputerandInternet.aspx)