In Legal Studies, students develop an understanding of the ways in which the legal system can affect the lives of Australian citizens.

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

By analysing Australian and international legal systems, students consider the impacts that legal decisions can have on Australian society and how diverse groups influence and are influenced by the legal system.

Legal Studies enables students to have confidence in approaching and accessing the legal system and provides them with a better appreciation of the relationship between social and legal structures.

Through inquiry, analysis, examination and problem solving, students can make decisions which may benefit themselves and the community now and in the future. The immediate relevance of Legal Studies to students’ lives should promote and motivate students to make constructive judgments and informed commentaries on the law, its system and processes, from practical and critical social perspectives.

Students examine and justify their own opinions and attitudes to legal and social issues needing resolution, preparing them to participate in society as active and informed citizens.

A course of study in Legal Studies can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of law, law enforcement, criminology, justice studies, social work, government, corrective services, business, education, economics and politics.

**CORE AREAS OF STUDY**

- The Legal System
- Human Rights
- Introduction to civil obligations
- Criminal Law

**ELECTIVE AREAS OF STUDY COULD INCLUDE:**

- Civil wrongs
- Employment
- Environment and the Law
- Family and the Law
- Housing and the Law
- Indigenous Australians and the Law
- International Law
- Sport and the Law
- Technology and the law

Students will also be expected to undertake an Independent Inquiry Task

Are you interested in a career in a justice related profession?

Students who study Legal Studies will be given the option to complete their Certificate IV in Justice Studies.