



Civics and Citizenship (CIV) – Year 10

Subject Outline:

Civics and citizenship provides opportunities for students to explore the law and its impact on their life. Many significant legal and social issues face individuals and groups in Australian society. Being informed of the legal position, rights and responsibilities through case studies provides a real-life perspective to the course. During Civics and Citizenship, students will learn to investigate and understand the Australian Legal System and assist in being an informed citizen, with skills to better question and contribute to the improvement of laws and the legal process.

In studying this subject, students will develop an understanding of:

- the responsibilities that are attached to the rights gained in the steps towards adulthood
- key features of Australia's government, including the High Court and protecting rights under the constitution
- the need to protect the freedoms enjoyed in a democratic community.

Course Content:

Term	Topic	Term	Topic
1	What is the Law?	3	Technology and the Law
2	Crime and Punishment	4	Juvenile Justice

Assessment Outline:

Types of assessment will prepare students for studying Legal Studies in Years 11 and 12, as well as developing skills that can be used in everyday life. Assessments may include:

Examinations: Short answer questions; response to stimulus; case study analysis

Prepared tasks: Investigation Report; paragraph responses; extended written responses

Learning Pathways:

Students studying Civics and Citizenship will be able to explore aspects of legal processes and the types of assessment in Legal Studies. As a Humanities subject, Civics and Citizenship also builds on the skills developed in History, so this subject would benefit students in their study of Ancient History and Modern History.

Year 11/12 Subject	General/Applied/Other	Potential QCE Points	Recommended
Ancient History	General	4	C or better in year 10 English
Modern History	General	4	C or better in year 10 English
Geography	General	4	C or better in year 10 English
Legal Studies	General	4	C or better in year 10 English
Psychology	General	4	C or better in year 10 English

Career Pathways:

Possible career pathways that can lead from studying Civics and Citizenship and studying law at a tertiary level include become a Solicitor, Barrister, Judge, Police Officer, Youth Justice Officer, Legal Clerk, Journalist, International Relations consultant, criminology consultant, Forensic Scientist or even a Politician. Civics and Citizenship also provides opportunities for all possible careers, as it allows for a better understanding of legal and social issues in everyday life.

Special Requirements:

Students need to have achieved a satisfactory standard in English to be successful in this elective.

Approximate Cost: Nil