

Course Legal Studies		NESA Course Code: Preliminary 11220 HSC 15220	
2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC year. Board Developed Course. DOES count in the 6 units of the Board Developed Courses required for the HSC. DOES count towards an ATAR. Exclusions: Nil		Course costs Yes	
Success Criteria (what skills and aptitudes you need to have for success in this subject) An interest in the law. Strong written communication skills Well developed literacy skills Strong research skills			
Course Description The Preliminary course develops students' knowledge and understanding about the nature of the legal system, focusing on the Australian legal system. It incorporates the individual and their relationship to the law; and also examines how the law operates in practice.			
Main Topics Covered			
Preliminary Course		HSC Course	
The Legal System The Individual and the Law Law in Practice		Human Rights Crime Additional Focus Studies Choose 2 from: Consumers, family law, global environment protection, Indigenous people, shelter, workplace, world order.	
Particular Course Requirements: A court visit in Year 11.			
Assessment for the HSC Course			
External Assessment	Weighting	Internal Assessment	Weighting
Section I: Core Objective response questions.	20	Knowledge and understanding	40
Section II: Core Short answer questions.	15	Analysis and evaluation	20
Extended response.	15	Inquiry and Communication	20
Section III: Options Extended responses	50	Communication of legal information, issues and ideas in appropriate forms.	20
	100%		100%