HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:      Mrs Liz Walker

Subject Outline:
The Legal Studies course enables students to understand their rights and obligations as a citizen, to know when to seek legal advice, and to have the ability to make informed decisions in society with regards to the legal process.

Contributes to OP:     Yes

Assessment Outline:
Students study topics including:
Prerequisite:   Students should be achieving at a C+ level in Year 10 English and Humanities to choose this subject.


Workload Expectations:
Students are assessed by means of short answer tests, essays, seminars, case studies, court reports, stimulus tests and research assignments. Assessment in Year 11 is formative while assessment in Year 12 is summative. Students are assessed according to the following criteria:
- Knowledge and Understanding the Law
- Investigating Legal Issues
- Responding to the Law

Career Pathways:
Legal studies may provide background knowledge for students wishing to pursue a career in this area. As well, the subject gives students a wide range of information to assist them as decision-making, responsible attitudes.

Potential Activities:
Legal Studies is an Authority Subject. Results contribute to Tertiary Entrance procedures. This course is not a prerequisite to study law at tertiary level.

Costs:
The Text Hire Scheme covers most course costs including photocopying. There will be a fee for a Legal Studies Field Trip to Brisbane during the course.

Student Requirements:
Homework is set daily. Students are required to complete assignments regularly and this forms homework when required. Students are expected to undertake extensive individual revision and preparation. This course has a significant reading requirement.