




What role do you play in the Australian legal system? You will develop an appreciation and awareness of your role as a citizen in the Australian legal system. You will develop the skills to communicate your ideas and the confidence to make informed and effective decisions regarding legal issues.

SACE Stage 1

 Engage <i>Skills</i>	 Extend <i>Knowledge</i>	 Enrich <i>Experiences</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop inquiry skills through questioning, exploration, discussion, and research of concepts, the law, and legal issues • Demonstrate and communicate their understanding of concepts, legal principles, processes, and issues • Analyse and apply legal principles and processes • Evaluate legal arguments to reach a conclusion and, where appropriate, make recommendations • Research, select, and acknowledge relevant sources • Collaborate effectively with others to problem solve and build on the work of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights: common law rights, statutory rights, international rights obligations, human rights. • Fairness and justice: ‘natural’ justice, Australia’s adversary system, access to justice. • Power: how branches of government exercise power, and how that power is supervised, how individuals exercise power, the media: power, rights, and obligations in law. • Change: changes in societal values, and the impact of these changes on our laws, changes in case law and legislation over time, constitutional change (or the lack of change), international influence. <p>Students may contrast these changes with elements of the Australian legal system that remain constant, or simply consider why these elements have not changed. For example: features of the adversarial system, roles and structure of parliament, underlying principles of the adversarial and Westminster systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the Courts • Guest Speakers such as MPs, Law Lecturers on current legal issues • Mock Trials • Debating • Constitutional Convention • MOD Future Themes Forum



Assessments/Outcomes

Analytical Response, Inquiry, Presentation or Mock Trial. A formative examination will also be held at the end of the semester.



Pathways

Career Pathways: Journalism, Legal Practitioner, Government & Public Policy, Politics, Social Advocacy