Stage 1 BUSINESS STUDIES- Elective Subject - One Semester (10 Credits)

Business Studies is a 10-credit subject that prepares students to handle their own business affairs and to function more effectively and responsibly as consumers, workers, and citizens by broadening their perception of the business world.

Engaging in the world of business involves studying individuals, communities, and organizations, assessing their needs and problems, and generating solutions. As a semester course it will incorporate topics such as:

- Introduction to Business and Enterprise
- Establishing a Business
- Technology for Business
- Marketing
- Employment Relations
- Global Business

In undertaking these topics, the subject introduces students to an aspect of an increasingly complex world, an understanding of which will facilitate each student's participation in society. Students will be challenged to research and investigate aspects of an actual business.

Assessment tasks will involve homework, tests, research assignments, group and individual oral presentations and an end-of-semester examination.

Stage 2 BUSINESS STUDIES- Full Year (20 Credits)

Pre-requisites: - Skills in communicating in written and oral form and an ability to research a variety of sources. The successful study of Stage 1 Business Studies is desirable.

Business Studies concerns the study of the organisation, and the production and distribution of goods and services. It allows students to develop an understanding of the broad social environment within which business operates.

Business activity impinges on the lives of all people. This course prepares students to analyse, initiate, manage, evaluate and respond to change and focuses on employment-related competencies identified as essential for effective participation in work and society.

Topics studied include:

Core topic:
The Business Environment

Option topics:
Two of the following topics will be studied:
- People, Business, and Work
- Business and the Global Environment
- Business, Law and Government
- Business and Technology
- Business and Marketing

Success, wisdom, balance
The syllabus seeks to provide students with the knowledge to participate effectively and responsibly in a changing business environment. Students interact with businesses when researching for assignments and the business study.

Assessment:
School-based Assessment (70%) –
Folio (30%), Practical (20%),
Issues Study (20%)
External Assessment – Report (30%)

Stage 1 ACCOUNTING - Elective Subject - One Semester (10 Credits)

Pre-requisites: - Nil

Students learn the practical skills needed to manage their own financial affairs and develop an understanding of the ethical considerations that affect financial decision-making.

They learn about the successful management of financial affairs in business, gain knowledge and skills related to accounting processes for organisational and business applications, and develop greater understanding of accounting concepts and standards and their use to generate financial reports.

Students learn how to interpret financial information and convey this information to interested users.

Topics covered include the environment of accounting, personal financial management, keeping cash records, business documents and financial reports.

Assessment will include skills and application tasks (reports, case studies and tests) and an investigation report.
Stage 1 LEGAL STUDIES - Elective Subject - One Semester (10 Credits)

Pre-requisites: - Nil but a competency in writing skills is recommended.

Legal Studies is a 10-credit subject which focuses on providing an understanding of the role of the law in maintaining social cohesion and managing social change. Students examine the Australian legal system. They read and write about, and discuss, analyse and debate issues. Students use a variety of methods to investigate legal issues, such as observing the law in action in courts and through various media.

The core topic is Law and Society and the option topics studied include Young People and the Law, Law-making and Justice and Society. Students participate in mock trials and Youth Parliament during Law Week.

Assessment:

Folio – oral presentations, multimedia presentations, interviews, debates, essays, tests
One Issues Study
Present

Stage 2 LEGAL STUDIES - Full Year (20 Credits) (2018)

Pre-requisites: - Nil but Stage 1 Legal Studies provides a useful foundation. It is assumed that students have, or are willing to develop, good reading, writing, and research skills, and the ability to work independently.

The focus of this course is the Australian legal system. Students are encouraged to examine critically the structures and processes of the Australian legal system, evaluating their effectiveness and considering ways in which the legal system can be more inclusive, efficient, and just. Students will be required to work with a range of information such as textbooks, newspaper articles, videos, and case histories.

Success, wisdom, balance
Students will develop an understanding of the origins and dynamic nature of the Australian legal system, the types of dispute that arise in a community, and of how the legal system can respond to them.

They will develop the ability to think analytically and critically, apply legal principles, offer informed judgments, and communicate effectively to other people about legal ideas and issues.

The following topics are studied:

The Australian Legal System
Constitutional Government
Law-making
Justice Systems

Assessment in Legal Studies consists of the following:

**School-based Assessment** (70%)
Assessment Type 1: Folio (50%)
Assessment Type 2: Inquiry (20%)

**External Assessment** (30%) – examination