

# Year 12 Legal Studies

## Work rate calendar (WRC) 2025

## Term 1

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Assessment	
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Week	Dates	Unit	Topic	Class work / Assessment to be submitted
1	27 Jan – 31 Jan	Unit 3: Law, Governance and Change	Monday 27 January — Australia Day Holiday <b>Topic 1: Governance in Australia</b> Revision- Features of Representative Government	
2	3 Feb – 7 Feb		<b>Topic 1: Governance in Australia</b> Revision- Features of Representative Government	
3	10 Feb – 14 Feb		Friday 14 February — Senior orientation day: Years 10–12 <b>Topic 1: Governance in Australia</b> Skill Development – Short Response strategies	
4	17 Feb – 21 Feb		<b>Topic 1: Governance in Australia</b> Revision – Significance of the High Court	
5	24 Feb – 28 Feb		<b>Topic 1: Governance in Australia</b> Skill Development – Extended Response	
6	3 Mar – 7 Mar		<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b> Purpose and features of law reform Law reform mechanisms	<b>Summative Internal Assessment 1 (IA1)</b> Examination – Combination Response (Topic 1) 2hours + 15 minutes planning time Due 5pm Friday 7 March
7	10 Mar – 14 Mar		<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b> Role of Law Reform Commissions and Royal Commissions Inquiry – Elder Abuse & Jack's Law for knife crime	
8	17 Mar – 21 Mar		<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b> Qld Criminal Law – purpose and structure of homicide offences and defences Significance of mandatory life for murder. Demands for better protection of society against offences against the person Current law reform investigations – Victoria Recklessness	
9	24 Mar – 28 Mar		<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b> Current law reform investigations – Victoria Recklessness IA2 task deconstruction and topic selection	<b>IA2 Task distributed Monday</b>
10	31 Mar – 4 Apr		Thursday 3 April — Cross country / Fun run: Prep – Year 12 <b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b> IA2 research phase	

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## Term 2

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1	21 Apr – 25 Apr	Unit 3: Law, Governance and Change	Monday 21 April — Easter Monday		
			Tuesday 22 April – Thursday 24 April — School camp: Year 11		
			Friday 25 April — Anzac Day		
			<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b>		
			In-class work on Inquiry Report – planning phase Skill development report genre and referencing		
2	28 Apr – 2 May		<b>Topic 2: Law Reform</b>	<b>Summative Internal Assessment 2 (IA2)</b>	
			In-class work on Inquiry Report	Investigation – Inquiry Report (Topic 2) – Draft Due 5pm Wednesday 30 April	
3	5 May – 9 May		Monday 5 May — Labour Day		
			<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>		
			Purpose of the United Nations, The Magna Carta, Elements of the International Bill of Human Rights		
4	12 May – 16 May	Unit 4: Human Rights in Legal Contexts	<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>	<b>Summative Internal Assessment 2 (IA2)</b>	
			The rights of states and the United Nations Charter, UN bodies – UNICEF UN Committees and High Commissioners	Investigation – Inquiry Report (Topic 2) – Final Due 5pm Monday 12 May	
5	19 May – 23 May		<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>		
			International Covenants and Key International Treaties ICCPR, ICESCR, Discrimination, Women, Children, Refugees		
6	26 May – 30 May		<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>	Protection of vulnerable people – Refugees & children and key Acts to Ratify	
7	2 Jun – 6 Jun		<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>	Express Human rights and the Australian Constitution, the High Court and Implied rights.	
8	9 Jun – 13 Jun		<b>Topic 1: Human Rights</b>	Parliamentary (Human Rights) Scrutiny Act, Australian Bill of Rights pros & cons Background to the Hague Child Abduction Convention and key mechanisms	
			<b>Topic 2: The Effectiveness of International Law</b>		
9	16 Jun – 20 Jun			IA3 Task deconstruction Performance of key Hague Convention Articles	<b>IA3 task Distributed Monday</b> <b>IA3 Checkpoint – Issue selection Friday 20 June</b>
10	23 Jun – 27 Jun			Thursday 26 June — Senior formal: Year 12	
			Friday 27 June — Athletics carnival / Sports day: Prep – Year 12		
		<b>Topic 2: The Effectiveness of International Law</b>			
			Research phase		

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Week	Dates	Unit	Topic	Class work / Assessment to be submitted
1	14 Jul – 18 Jul	Unit 4: Human Rights in Legal Contexts	<b>Topic 2: The Effectiveness of International Law</b> Planning phase skill development	
2	21 Jul – 25 Jul		<b>Topic 2: The Effectiveness of International Law</b> Australia and International Law, The effectiveness of International Human Rights Instruments	<b>Summative Internal Assessment 3 (IA3)</b> Investigation – Argumentative Essay (Topic 2) – Draft due 5pm Monday 21 July
3	28 Jul – 1 Aug		Thursday 31 July — SET plan meetings: Year 11 Friday 1 August — SET plan meetings: Year 12 <b>Topic 2: The Effectiveness of International Law</b> In-class conferencing and finalisation of IA3 response	
4	4 Aug – 8 Aug		<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian Contexts</b> Options for citizens: human rights complaints, protesting and lobbying	<b>Summative Internal Assessment 3 (IA3)</b> Argumentative Essay–Due 5pm Monday 4 August
5	11 Aug – 15 Aug		Wednesday 13 August — Royal Queensland (Ekka) Show Holiday <b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian Contexts</b> Role of Special Interest Groups and the media to protect human rights of citizens	
6	18 Aug – 22 Aug		<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian Contexts</b> Rights to free speech, freedom of assembly and democratic representation	
7	25 Aug – 29 Aug		<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian Contexts</b> Managing freedom from discrimination, freedom of religion and the right to trial by jury Protection of key rights - Revision of concepts and exam skills	
8	1 Sept – 5 Sept		<b>Mock exams: Year 12</b> Monday 1 September – Thursday 4 September Friday 5 September — Student free day No classes	<b>Mock External Exam</b> Examination – Combination response exam 2 hours and 15 minutes planning of a previous External Exam
9	8 Sept – 12 Sept		<b>Mock exams: Year 12</b> Monday 8 September – Friday 12 September No classes	
10	15 Sept – 19 Sept		Friday 19 September — Connect day: Years 11–12 <b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian Contexts</b> Evaluation of implementation of human rights obligations through the various mechanisms: Courts, Royal Commissions, Australian Human Rights Commission, special interest groups, lobbying and protesting	

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1	6 Oct – 10 Oct	Unit 4: Human Rights in Legal Contexts	Monday 6 October — King's Birthday Holiday	
			<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian contexts</b>	
Revision – Rights, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenants and Treaties				
2	13 Oct – 17 Oct		<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian contexts</b>	
Revision – Turning international law into domestic law, implied rights, express rights, the Australian Constitution, the High Court and the media				
3	20 Oct – 24 Oct		<b>Topic 3: Human Rights in Australian contexts</b>	
Revision – Resolving human rights complaints, rights in criminal and civil contexts				
4	27 Oct – 31 Oct		<b>Exams: Year 12</b>	<b>Summative External Assessment (EA)</b>
		Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October	Examination – combination response exam	
5	3 Nov – 7 Nov	<b>Exams: Year 12</b>	2 hours and 15 minutes planning	
		Monday 3 November – Friday 7 November	Date to be determined	
6	10 Nov – 14 Nov	<b>Exams: Year 12</b>		
		Monday 10 November – Friday 14 November		
7	17 Nov – 21 Nov	<b>Exams: Year 12</b>		
		Monday 17 November – Tuesday 18 November		
		Wednesday 19 November — Celebration: Year 12		
		Thursday 20 November — Graduation: Year 12		
		Friday 21 November — Final day: Year 12		
		Friday 21 November — Aquatic carnival: Prep – Year 11		
8	24 Nov – 28 Nov		Friday 28 November — Final day: Years 10–11	