



Coonabarabran High School

ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

Subject:	Legal Studies
Teacher:	Dr Armstrong
Topic:	Research Task - The Legal System – Law Reform
Weighting:	30%
Date of Notification:	Wednesday 15 March 2023
Due Date:	Wednesday 10 May 2023

Outcomes Assessed:

A student:

- P1 – identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology
 - P5 – describes the role of law in encouraging cooperation and resolving conflict, as well as initiating and responding to change
 - P6 – explains the nature of the interrelationship between the legal system and society
 - P9 – communicates legal information using well structured responses
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Task:

This task is in two parts:

1. Media File – You are required to compile a media file summarising three cases heard in either a NSW court or a Federal court in the last 12 months; and
2. Extended Response – Write a 1,000 word (maximum) response to the question “Assess the effectiveness of the law reform process in leading to a more just society”

Your response must be typed in either 12pt Times New Roman or 12pt Arial, spaced at 1.25 lines, and with a 3cm margin on the right hand side and submitted electronically either through Google Classroom or via email to michael.p.armstrong@det.nsw.edu.au

You are expected to comply with all relevant academic referencing requirements.

NOTE: This is a *compulsory* assessment task. A 10% penalty applies for each day the task is submitted late without explanation. Students requiring one must arrange an extension with the Head Teacher within TWO school days of the due date. A student absent due to illness or misadventure from a task or the day a task is due must provide a valid explanation to cover the absence. Failure to submit this assessment task may jeopardise your ability to attain a ROSA

Part A (15 marks)

Using your independent research skills, compile a media file summarising three (3) cases heard in either a NSW court or a Federal court in the last 12 months, using printed or online news media as the primary source of information.

- Each case is to come from a different court in the NSW or Federal court system
- You must provide a dated/sourced copy of each news article cited in your file
- You must include at least one civil and one criminal case

(word limit: 750 words)

Part B (25 marks)

Write an extended response of no more than 1,000 words to answer the following question:

“Assess the effectiveness of the law reform process in leading to a more just society”

In your response you should focus upon one specific law reform issue which should be selected from the following **or** by negotiation with your teacher.

Suggested Law Reform Topics

- Young drivers and the law
- Animal welfare
- Drug use at Music Concerts
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Free Speech

In answering the question you should identify one (1) specific issue with respect to your chosen topic; explain the significance of the issue you have chosen to address; and make a judgement on the effectiveness of the law in responding to this issue.

Marking Criteria

Part A (15 Marks)

Criteria	Mark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively and sensibly locates, selects and organises legal information from a variety of reputable sources • Clearly and accurately communicates legal information using a well-structured format. • Clearly and accurately produces a detailed, informative and analytical synopsis of three articles. • Clearly and accurately identifies all relevant legal information pertaining to the case, including the date, key facts, legal arguments and outcome of the case. • Correctly cites the articles used and attaches a hard copy of each article to the media file. 	12 – 15
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locates, selects and organises legal information from a variety of sources • Communicates legal information using a legible format. • Produces a synopsis of three articles. • Identifies all relevant legal information pertaining to the case, including the date, key facts, legal arguments and outcome of the case. • Correctly cites the articles used and attaches a hard copy of each article to the media file. 	4-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively and sensibly locates, selects and organises legal information from a variety of sources • Clearly and accurately communicates legal information using a well-structured format. • Produces a synopsis of up to three articles. • Identifies some or all relevant legal information pertaining to the case. • Attempts to cite articles used and attach a hard copy of each article to the media file. 	1-3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student makes no attempt at this section. 	0

Marking Criteria

Part B (25 Marks)

Submission	
Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the relevant legal information and issues • Identifies and assesses legal and non-legal responses to the issue • Integrates a variety of sources, including Legislation, documents, treaties, cases, and media reports • Presents a sustained, logical, and well-structured response using relevant legal information and ideas • Communicates using appropriate legal terminology and concepts 	22-25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of the relevant legal information and issues • Identifies and assesses legal and non-legal responses to the issue • Describes a variety of sources, including Legislation, documents, treaties, cases, and media reports • Presents a sustained, logical, and well-structured response using relevant legal information and ideas • Communicates using appropriate legal terminology and concepts 	17-21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of the relevant legal information and issues • Identifies legal and non-legal responses to the issue • Includes a variety of sources, including Legislation, documents, treaties, cases, and media reports • Presents a sustained, logical, and well-structured response using relevant legal information and ideas • Communicates using appropriate legal terminology and concepts 	12-16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a limited understanding of the relevant legal information and issues • Makes some comment about issues relating to law reform • Refers to some characteristics and features of legal and non-legal responses to the issues • Makes limited reference to sources and/or differing perspectives 	8-11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes a general statement about some of the relevant legal information and issues • Makes limited use of legal information and/or ideas • May make a limited reference to sources and/or differing perspectives 	1-7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Serious Attempt 	0