

Coonabarabran High School

IN CLASS ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION



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| Subject: | Legal Studies | Weighting: | 20% |
| Teacher: | Dr M Armstrong | Notification date: | 29/5/2025 |
| Topic: | Family Law | Due date: | 12/6/2025 |

Outcomes to be assessed:

- H1** Identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology
- H2** Describes and explains key features of and the relationship between Australian and international law
- H3** Analyses the operation of domestic and international legal systems
- H5** Explains the role of law in encouraging cooperation and resolving conflict, as well as initiating and responding to change
- H6** Assesses the nature of the interrelationship between the legal system and society
- H7** Evaluates the effectiveness of the law in achieving justice
- H9** Communicates legal information using well-structured and logical arguments
- H10** Analyses differing perspectives and interpretations of legal information and issues

You will be assessed on how well you:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of relevant legal information and issues
2. Illustrate your answer with examples from one or more of the following: legislation, documents, treaties, cases, media reports
3. Communicate using legal terminology and concepts relevant to domestic law
4. Present a sustained, logical and well-structured answer to the question

Task description:

You are required to write an extended response within a maximum period of forty five (45) minutes in class on 12 June 2025. Which question will be answered (from the selection provided) will be determined randomly in class at the beginning of the period.

You are encouraged to submit a draft response plan on or before 9/6/2025.

Submission:

Your extended response, together with extended response plans for all questions, will be collected in class after it is written

Feedback (during and after task completion):

Written feedback and grade according to attached marking rubric

NOTE: This is a compulsory assessment task. You are to make a genuine attempt at the task, and all protocols relating to plagiarism, collusion, and malpractice apply. You are required to submit on the above stated date. Failing to do so may result in the awarding of the grade of 0%. If students are unable to submit by the due date, they must provide a doctor's certificate and/or an Illness & Misadventure Form. All assessment submission protocols, found in the Assessment Handbook, will be followed.

Assessment Task

Reflecting the HSC extended response requirements for the Options in Legal Studies, students will be required to be ready to answer a seen question in timed writing examination conditions.

Students will be required to prepare extended response plans to the following questions and be ready to write an extended response in class on 12 June 2025:

Question 1: *Critically evaluate the role of law reform in achieving just outcomes for family members and society in relation to parenting and property orders.*

Question 2: *Critically assess the legal system's ability to ensure compliance with laws relating to domestic violence.*

Question 3: *Assess the effectiveness of legal and non-legal responses in achieving recognition and protection for same-sex relationships within the family law system.*

The question for which students will write their extended response will be randomly selected on the due date at the beginning of class.

MARKING CRITERIA

| Criteria | Marks |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly identifies all relevant legal issues and relevant law <p>Makes a sound judgment based on explicit criteria about the effectiveness of the legal and non-legal responses</p> <p>Integrates relevant legislation and/or documents and/or treaties and/or cases and/or media reports into the response</p> <p>Presents a sustained, logical and well-structured answer using relevant legal terminology and concepts</p> | 21–25 |
| <p>Clearly identifies most of the relevant legal issues and relevant law</p> <p>Makes a judgment based on criteria (explicit or implicit) about the effectiveness of the legal and non-legal responses</p> <p>Identifies relevant legislation and/or documents and/or treaties and/or cases and/or media reports in the response</p> <p>Presents a logical and well-structured answer using relevant legal terminology and concepts</p> | 16–20 |
| <p>Identifies some of the relevant legal issues and relevant law</p> <p>Makes a judgement about the effectiveness of the legal and/or non-legal responses</p> <p>Makes some reference to relevant legislation and/or documents and/or treaties and/or cases and/or media reports in the response</p> <p>Presents a structured answer using relevant legal terminology and concepts</p> | 11–15 |
| <p>Makes reference to relevant legal issues and relevant laws</p> <p>Makes general statements about the effectiveness of the legal and/or non-legal responses</p> <p>Makes limited reference to legislation and/or documents and/or treaties and/or cases and/or media reports in the response</p> <p>Uses some appropriate legal terminology and/or and concepts</p> | 6–10 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general statements about the relevant legal issues and relevant law May make limited reference to legislation and/or documents and/or cases and/or treaties and/or media reports <p>Makes limited reference to legal information/terms, which may not be correct/appropriate</p> | 1–5 |