

Subject: Legal Studies Unit 2

Semester: 2

Term: 3

Week	Area of Study	Learning Focus
1	Civil Law	Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need for civil law• Key principles of civil law• The distinction and relationship between civil law and criminal law
2		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of law-making through the courts
3		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Torts, including negligence, defamation, and related defences
4	The civil law in action	Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of the court hierarchy in civil disputes• The civil jurisdiction of courts in the Victorian court hierarchy
5		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods of civil dispute resolution: mediation, conciliation, arbitration and judicial determination
6		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose and operation of civil pre-trial procedure
7		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose and operation of civil pre-trial procedure (cont)
8		Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of the adversarial nature of a civil trial (students also consider the role of the jury system in a civil trial)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil remedies and their purpose
9		Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties faced by parties when attempting to resolve disputes.
10		Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties faced by parties when attempting to resolve disputes (cont)

Term 4

Week	Area of Study	Learning Focus
1	The law in focus (contract law)	Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal principles relevant to contract law • A contemporary issue for contract law
2		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capacity of the legal system to respond to demands for change in contract law
3		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods and institutions for resolving disputes arising under contract law
4	A question of rights	Understand; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are rights and how are they protected?
5		Understanding of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of an individual or group in launching a test case • The facts and issues central to the case, including the right(s) in question • The laws that apply to the case • The outcome of the case and its impact on the legal system and the rights of individuals

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflicting attitudes in relation to the issues raised in the case
6	Flexible week to catch up	
7	Unit 2 Exams	
8	Unit 3 Head Start	

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