

# LEGAL STUDIES UNIT 2 SEMESTER 2 2018

Week	Area of study/key knowledge
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Area of Study 1: 'Sanctions'</b></li><li>• The role of individuals, laws and the legal system in achieving social cohesion and protecting the rights of individuals</li><li>• The principles of justice: fairness, equality and access</li><li>• Institutions that enforce criminal law, such as the police and delegated bodies</li><li>• The balance between institutional powers and individual rights</li><li>• An overview of the role and criminal jurisdiction of the Victorian courts</li></ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The role of the jury in a criminal trial</li></ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The purposes of sanctions: punishment, deterrence, denunciation, protection and rehabilitation</li><li>• Types of sanctions such as fines, community correction orders and imprisonment</li></ul>
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factors considered by judges in sentencing</li><li>• Aspects of sentencing practices in Victoria and in one other jurisdiction</li></ul>
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative approaches to sentencing, such as the use of the Drug Court, the Koori Courts and diversion programs</li><li>• Two recent criminal cases:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– an overview of the charges and the central facts of the case</li><li>– courts that may be or were involved</li><li>– sanctions that could be or were imposed and their appropriateness</li><li>– factors that may be or were taken into consideration in sentencing</li><li>– possible avenues of appeal</li></ul></li><li>• the extent to which the principles of justice could be or were achieved</li></ul>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two recent criminal cases (continued)</li></ul>
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Area of Study 2: 'Remedies'</b></li><li>• The principles of justice: fairness, equality and access</li><li>• Methods used to resolve a civil dispute such as mediation, conciliation and arbitration</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutions that resolve civil disputes such as tribunals, ombudsmen and complaints bodies</li> </ul>
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of the role and civil jurisdictions of the Victorian courts</li> <li>• The role of the jury in a civil trial</li> <li>• The purpose of remedies</li> <li>• Types of remedies, such as damages and injunctions</li> </ul>
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two recent civil cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– an overview of the claim and the central facts of the case</li> <li>– dispute resolution bodies that may be or were involved</li> <li>– methods of dispute resolution and their appropriateness</li> <li>– remedies that could be or were awarded and their appropriateness</li> <li>– possible avenues of appeal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• – the extent to which the principles of justice were or could be achieved</li> </ul>
Term 4 Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Area of Study 3: 'Rights'</b></li> <li>• An overview of the ways in which rights are protected in Australia, such as through the Australian Constitution, the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, statute law and common law</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The influence of international declarations and treaties on the protection of rights in Australia</li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The approach adopted by one other country in protecting rights</li> <li>• Possible reforms to the protection of rights in Australia</li> </ul>
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Australian case that has had an impact on the protection of rights in Australia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the role of the individual in taking a case to court</li> <li>– the facts and issues central to the case, including the rights in question</li> <li>– the laws that applied to the case</li> <li>– the outcome of the case and its impact on the rights of individuals and on the legal system</li> </ul> </li> <li>• – possible conflicting attitudes in relation to the case</li> </ul>
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Australian case that has had an impact on the protection of rights in Australia (continued)</li> </ul>
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for end-of-year examination</li> </ul>

Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Exams and Headstart for Year 12</li> </ul>
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headstart for Year 12</li> <li>• Friday NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

## ASSESSMENT

The outcomes and assessment tasks for Unit 2 as listed in the *VCE Legal Studies Study Design (2018–2022)* are provided below.

Outcome	Assessment task
<p><b>Outcome 1</b></p> <p>‘Explain key concepts in the determination of a criminal case, and discuss the principles of justice in relation to the determination of criminal cases, sanctions and sentencing approaches.’</p>	<p>Suitable tasks for assessment in this unit may be selected from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a folio of exercises</li> <li>• structured questions</li> <li>• a classroom presentation</li> <li>• a role-play</li> <li>• a debate</li> <li>• a report</li> <li>• a question-and-answer session.</li> </ul> <p>Tasks can be presented orally, in writing or using presentation technology.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 2</b></p> <p>‘Explain key concepts in the resolution of a civil dispute, and discuss the principles of justice in relation to the resolution of civil disputes and remedies.’</p>	
<p><b>Outcome 3</b></p> <p>‘Evaluate the ways in which rights are protected in Australia, compare this approach with that adopted by another country and discuss the impact of an Australian case on the rights of individuals and the legal system’.</p>	

Source: *VCE Legal Studies Study Design (2018–2022)*, VCAA, pages 13–16