

Year Level: 12		Subject: Legal Studies
Semester: 2		
Week	Unit 4	Learning Focus
Term 2		
7	AOS 1: 'The people and the Australian Constitution'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the roles of the Crown and the houses of parliament (Victorian and Commonwealth) in law-making
8	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the division of constitutional law-making powers of the state and Commonwealth parliaments, including exclusive, concurrent and residual powers • Discuss the significance of Section 109 of the Australian Constitution
9	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the means by which the Australian Constitution acts as a check on parliament in law-making, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the bicameral structure of the Commonwealth parliament ❖ the separation of the legislative, executive and judicial powers
10	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the means by which the Australian Constitution acts as a check on parliament in law-making, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the express protection of rights ❖ the role of the High Court in interpreting the Australian Constitution
Term 3		
1	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the means by which the Australian Constitution acts as a check on parliament in law-making, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the role of the High Court in interpreting the Australian Constitution ❖ the requirement for a double majority in a referendum
2	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the significance of one High Court case interpreting sections 7 and 24 of the Australian Constitution • Analyse the significance of one referendum in which the Australian people have protected or changed the Australian Constitution
3	AOS 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the significance of one High Court case which has had an impact on the division of constitutional law-making powers • Discuss the impact of international declarations and treaties on the interpretation of the external affairs power • SAC
4	AOS 2: The people, the parliament and the courts'	<p>Parliaments and courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the factors that affect the ability of parliament to make law, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the roles of the houses of parliament ❖ the representative nature of parliament ❖ political pressures

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ restrictions on the law-making powers of parliament
5	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the roles of the Victorian courts and the High Court in law-making • Analyse the reasons for, and effects of, statutory interpretation • Discuss the factors that affect the ability of courts to make law, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the doctrine of precedent ❖ judicial conservatism ❖ judicial activism ❖ costs and time in bringing a case to court ❖ the requirement for standing
6	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the features of the relationship between courts and parliament in law-making, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ the supremacy of parliament ❖ the ability of courts to influence parliament ❖ the interpretation of statutes by courts ❖ the codification of common law ❖ the abrogation of common law
7	AOS 2	<p>Law reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the reasons for law reform • Discuss the ability and means by which individuals can influence law reform including through petitions, demonstrations and the use of the courts • Analyse the role of the media, including social media, in law reform
8	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the role of the Victorian Law Reform Commission and its ability to influence law reform • Evaluate one recent example of the Victorian Law Reform Commission recommending law reform
9	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the role of one parliamentary committee or one Royal Commission, and its ability to influence law reform • Discuss one recent example of a recommendation for law reform by one parliamentary committee or one Royal Commission
10	AOS 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the ability of parliament and the courts to respond to the need for law reform
Term 4		
1	Exam Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam prep and practise exams
2	Exam Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam prep and practise exams
3	Final Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam prep and practise exams