



Highfields State  
Secondary College

# Semester 2 Course Overview

**Faculty:** Humanities  
**Subject:** Business Studies  
**Year level:** 10

## Course Outline

The Australian Curriculum: Humanities is organised into the following content descriptors:

The Year 10 curriculum gives students the opportunity to further develop their understanding of economics and business concepts by considering Australia’s economic performance and standard of living. The ways governments manage economic performance to improve living standards is explored, along with the reasons why economic performance and living standards differ within and between economies. Students explore the nature of externalities and why the government intervenes to ensure that prices reflect the depletion of resources or costs to society. Students examine the consequences of decisions and the responses of business to changing economic conditions, including the way they manage their workforce.

The economics and business content at this year level involves two strands: economics and business knowledge and understanding, and economics and business skills. These strands are interrelated and have been developed to be taught in an integrated way, and in ways that are appropriate to specific local contexts.

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Term 3: The Legal System – Beyond Reasonable Doubt	Term 4: Major Consumer and Financial Decisions
<p>In this unit, students are introduced to the Australian legal system, the sources of law and the roles of parliament and the courts. This unit focuses on legal principles and criteria such as just and equitable outcomes. Students will consider how criminal law attempts to safeguard individuals’ right to freedom from interferences, with society’s need for order. They examine the consequences of alleged criminal behaviour in terms of trial processes, punishment and sentences.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Short Response Test / Extended Written Response to Stimulus Test</b></p> <p>Students will undergo a short response test to check their understanding of the legal systems operating in Australia and an extended written response to stimulus test whereby students will be given a case study before the exam and then respond to a question in exam conditions.</p>	<p>In this unit, students are introduced to the factors that influence consumer decisions and the processes involved in making consumer decisions. This unit focuses on the short and long term effects of major consumer and financial decisions and the impact this would have to their lives. Students will consider budgeting methods and generate a range of viable options when making consumer and financial decisions. This unit aligns with the type of assessment that students will experience in senior business studies.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Collection of work assignment</b></p> <p>Students will complete a portfolio of tasks to demonstrate their ability to analyse and evaluate financial information in order to make informed consumer and financial decisions. Students will be given a scenario where they will need to budget, analyse and evaluate options to recommend a course of action.</p>