Name of Subject:  Society and Culture (Justice in Society)

Stage :  2

General Information:  Society and Culture (Justice in Society) is 20-credit (full-year) subject. This subject has a “legal” focus and in it students examine what “justice” is and how it is achieved. Students examine a range of cases as well as legal processes, procedures and events to ascertain whether justice was achieved in particular circumstances. Students will develop an understanding of fundamental legal concepts and acquire knowledge of how the Australian legal system operates to deliver (or impede) just outcomes.

Content:  Core topics:
- The Concept of Justice – what is “justice” and how is it achieved?
- The Purpose and Nature of Laws – why do we have laws and where do they originate?
- Crimes and the Criminal Process – types of criminal behaviour, courts, criminal trials
- Citizenship – what are your rights and responsibilities as an Australian and global citizen?

Option topics (3 must be chosen – as a class we decide which ones to cover)
- Sport and the Law
- Global Rights and the Law
- Security and the Law
- Victims and the Law
- Entertainment and the Law
- Motoring and the Law
- The Family and the Law
- Indigenous People and the Law
- Animals and the Law
- The Environment and the Law
- Minority Groups and the Law

Assessments:  There are 8 – 10 summative assignments.

There are 3 assessment components:

School-based assessment (marked by the teacher)
(1) Folio tasks – 50% of your overall mark. Tasks can include:
- Source analysis (short answer questions in response to information provided in photos, cartoons, graphs, articles, etc), Case studies, Media journal, Film reviews, Court observations, Giving legal advice to a “client”

There will be at least 3 Folio tasks during the year.

(2) Interaction – 20% of your overall mark. Tasks can include:
- A report based on observations and data gathered during a court visit; Designing a public display or an interpretative display; Researching a legal issue and suggesting reforms

Students will undertake 2 Interaction tasks, one of which is a group task (students receive both a group and an individual mark) and one of which is an oral presentation.

External assessment (marked by the SACE Board)
(3) Investigation – 30% of your overall mark. Students undertake one independent, focused investigation of a negotiated legal/justice-based issue and present their findings in a written report (2,000 words).
**Special Information:** This is a language-rich subject, which means there is a lot of reading and writing. Depending on class size and interest, there may be a 4-day camp to Adelaide in the first semester, which will form the basis of a summative assignment. Approximate cost of the camp is $300 which covers transport, accommodation and breakfast (financial assistance is available if needed).

**Prerequisites:** Nil

**Preferred prerequisites:** Stage 1 Legal Studies is an advantage or at least a C grade in any Stage 1 SOSE subject