2025 PRELIMINARY LEGAL STUDIES

Suggested Assessment Task Schedule -



Component	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Weighting
Topic	Research and Extended Response Part I: The Legal System	Topic Test Part II: The Individual and the Law	Yearly Exam All topics (emailed July 2025)	
Outcomes assessed	P1, P2, P4, P7, P8, P9	P1, P3, P5, P6, P9, P10	P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10	
Knowledge and understanding of course content	5	15	20	40
Analysis and evaluation	5	5	10	20
Inquiry and research	20			20
Communication of legal information, issues and ideas in appropriate forms	5	5	10	20
Weighting	35	25	40	100

The Year 11 formal school-based assessment program is to reflect the following requirements:

- three assessment tasks
- the minimum weighting for an individual task is 20%
- the maximum weighting for an individual task is 40%
- only one task may be a formal written examination

Rationale –

Assessment Task One: Scaffolded Research Essay (35%)

- The task will require students to research a contemporary law reform issue relating to the topic Part I The Legal System -Law Reform in Action
- The task will consist of a series of research questions (short answer) which can then be used to scaffold the production of an extended response in which students assess the effectiveness of law reform in achieving just outcomes.

Assessment Task Two: Topic Test (25%)

- The task will relate to Part II: The Individual and the Law
- Students will complete a closed-book in-class test of limited scope relating to the topic, The Individual and the Law. The rest will be 50 minutes in duration and consist of a multiple choice and short response questions.
- The nature of this assessment will help to address issues with the use of Chat GPT.

Assessment Task Three: Yearly Exam (40%)

- The Yearly Exam weighting is set at 40%, which is the maximum permitted for a formal examination assessment task.
- All outcomes are usually assessed in the Yearly Exam. The outcomes have all been assessed in the previous tasks, so the Yearly Exam gives students an opportunity to demonstrate improvement in each outcome.
- The Yearly Exam will assess Part I, Part II and Part III of the Preliminary syllabus.