

CONCEPTS OF LEGAL THINKING

Legal Significance	Interrelationships	Continuity and Change	Legal Perspective
<p>I can use the concept of Legal Significance through the legal studies inquiry process, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the extent to which a legal issue is important or relevant for various stakeholders • analyse the impacts (scope, short-term, long-term) of developments in law on individuals, groups, government, and the legal system • apply the law (case law, legal tests) to case studies • determine how legal decision-making processes can lead to turning points (precedents) in the legal system 	<p>I can use the concept of Interrelationships, through the legal studies inquiry process, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the relationship between values and beliefs and the judicial system • identify the (inter)connections and competing motivations amongst key stakeholders in various legal contexts • explain connections between the role(s) of people (individuals, groups and government) and legal processes in influencing the development of law • apply relevant law, processes and interactions to explain how legal actions affect the resolution of disputes and conflicts 	<p>I can use the concept of Continuity and Change, through the legal studies inquiry process, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the forces and factors that influence the development of law (substance/procedures) over time • explain links between past and current changes to the law (precedent) • assess the degree to which changes in the law may vary for individuals and groups • evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of changes to the law 	<p>I can use the concept of Legal Perspective, through the inquiry process, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the role(s) of various individuals and groups in changing law over time • explain how interpretations of legal principles (fairness/justice) influence law • assess the validity of legal arguments using multiple viewpoints • evaluate the effectiveness of the justice system in responding to competing rights and freedoms