

Commerce

What is this subject about?

Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that form the foundation on which young people make sound decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues. It helps develop an understanding of commercial and legal processes and competencies for personal financial management. Through the study of Commerce, students develop financial literacy which enables them to participate in the financial system in an informed way.

Central to the course is the development of an understanding of the relationships between consumers, businesses and governments in the overall economy. Through their investigation of these relationships, students develop the capacity to apply problem-solving strategies, which incorporate the skills of analysis and evaluation. Students engage in the learning process, which promotes critical thinking, reflective learning and the opportunity to participate in the community.

Why study this subject?

Commerce enables young people to make informed and responsible decisions as individuals and as part of the community through the development of knowledge, understanding and skills.

To help our students become active citizens in our democratic and pluralistic society, this subject will develop their ability to research information, evaluate options, and participate in collaborative decision-making within the commercial and legal framework. Through acquiring necessary skills, the aim is to develop self-directed lifelong learners.

In addition, Commerce provides students the opportunity to study a variety of social sciences. Consequently, one of the benefits in having this experience is students may wish to undertake further study in one or several of these areas in Years 11 and 12. Subjects on offer in the senior years include Business Studies, Economics, Geography and Legal Studies.

Learning experiences

The course is organised into four 'Core Units' and further 'Optional Units' of study over the duration of Years 9 and 10.

The four **Core Units** of Study are:

1. Consumer and Financial Decisions
2. The Economics and Business Future
3. Employment and Work Futures
4. Law, Society and Political Involvement

The **Optional Units of Study** include a combination of the following areas: Our economy, Law in Action, Investing, Travel, Promoting and selling, Towards independence, Running a business and a School-developed option.