

COMMERCE



To participate as effective members of society, in any capacity, people need knowledge and an understanding of our commercial environment. Everybody at some stage has to make decisions about banking, insurance, investment, taxation, politics and the law.

Life involves individuals in relationships with other people and institutions. Many of these relationships are commercial, involving the production, distribution and exchange of goods and services to satisfy individual and community wants. Individuals, groups, organisations and government interact in the commercial environment to satisfy these wants.

The course in Commerce in Years 9 & 10 allows students to understand the roles of consumers, producers, workers, owners, managers, unionists and tax payers. It does this by first looking at the satisfaction of wants from the view of the individual before looking at how the individual functions in society. Topics studied by students in Commerce could include:

CORE TOPICS	ELECTIVE TOPICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer and Financial Decisions• The Economic and Business Environment• Employment and Work Futures• Law, Society and Political Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our Economy• Investing• Promoting and Selling• Running a Business• Law in Action• Travel• Towards Independence• School-developed Option

Of extreme importance in the course is an understanding of change, particularly the rapid changes in information technology (such as e-Commerce) and changing global links.

Students not only acquire practical knowledge and understanding, but develop skills, values and attitudes which will enable them to responsibly participate in the world in which they live.

NOTE: Commerce is not a prerequisite for a study of Economics or Legal Studies in Stage 6 but does introduce many concepts which are applicable to these courses.