

Hot Topics and the Commerce Syllabus

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Here are some suggestions for where particular *Hot Topics* are relevant to the NSW Commerce Elective Course Syllabus for years 7-10:

Core Part 1

1.1 – CONSUMER CHOICE

- **41 Consumers & Money**
- **52 Copyright**

1.2 – PERSONAL FINANCE

- **41 Consumers & Money**

Core Part 2

PART 2.1 – LAW AND SOCIETY

- **38 Courts**
- **55 Sentencing**
- **21 Parliament**
- **46 You and Your Lawyer**
- **56 Australian Legal System** (available later this year)
- **34 Voting & Elections**
- **49 Juvenile Justice**
- relationship of laws to values: **42 Terrorism, 44 Children & Families, 40 Discrimination, 36 Human Genetic Information, 47 Domestic Violence 53 Same-sex Families**
- issues of fairness in the law: **35 Human Rights, 39 Intellectual Disability & Criminal Law, 33 Reconciliation, 54 Bill of Rights**
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PART 2.2 – EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

- **37 Employment & the Law** (see www.liac.sl.nsw.gov.au for 2006 supplement)
- **45 Privacy**

Options

OPTION 3 - E-COMMERCE

- **32 E-law**
- **45 Privacy**
- **37 Employment & the Law** (see www.liac.sl.nsw.gov.au for 2006 supplement)
- **52 Copyright**

OPTION 6 - POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

- **34 Voting & Elections**
- **21 Parliament**
- **Australian Legal System** (available later this year)
- decision-making: **36 Human Genetic Information** (see section on becoming involved in law reform); **30 Health & the Law** (section on becoming involved in health care policies)

OPTION 8 – LAW IN ACTION

Nearly all *Hot Topics* are applicable to this area, and many more, especially for current issues:

- **44 Children & Families** (ways in which children are protected)
- **41 Consumers & Money** (rights and responsibilities, protection, business negligence)
- **40 Discrimination** (rights, protection of individuals in particular settings)
- **39 Intellectual Disability and Criminal Law** (victims, witnesses, rights, responsibilities)
- **29 Drugs** (young people, criminal law)
- **50 Neighbours and the Law** (ownership, mediation, boundary and noise issues)
- **47 Domestic Violence** (victims compensation, support services)
- **51 Public Liability** (public liability insurance, medical negligence)
- **53 Same-sex Families** (equality, rights, parenting issues)

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