

What do we study in Year 9

The Year 9 commerce course focuses on consumers and business. The following topics are studied:

- Consumer Choice—enables students to learn how to be a wise consumer, avoiding rip-offs and scams, selecting the best buys and knowing where to go to for advice.
- Personal Finance—students develop budgets, learn the pro's and con's of taking a loan and where to obtain financial information.
- Promoting and selling—students develop their own product, make the product and then promote the product, learning important promoting and selling techniques along the way.
- Running a Business—in groups, students plan and run their own business at school using the theory they learn in class.
- Travel—enables students to prepare well for any overseas travel they intend to do in the future.



Commerce



Why Study Commerce?

Commerce is an interesting and practical subject that provides students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to help them make decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment. It is a very useful and relevant course that has been developed to suit the needs and interests of all students.

As far as possible the students are given the opportunity to use the knowledge they are learning in class and apply it to a practical situation.

Taste Test Castle Towers retail investigation
Lunch at Chinese Restaurant
Running a Business A trip to the Movies
Visit the Courts ASX Share market Game



What we study in Year 10

Year 10 Commerce focuses on a range of units to help prepare students for independence.

- Law and Society—this unit introduces the students to areas of the law. It examines criminal and civil law, the rights of a person under the law and penalties for breaking the law.
- Employment Issues—prepares the students for a working environment. It includes searching for a job, developing a CV, the rights of the employee and the rights of the employer.
- Investing—students participate in the ASX Stock Market Game. Students are given \$50,000 to invest. Money is made and lost on a daily basis! (pretend of course!)
- Political Involvement—students learn how the voting system works in Australia and participate in elections.
- Toward Independence—students learn about buying a car and renting a unit or house.