VCE Legal Studies 2018–2023

Appendix 9 – Family Law Investigation

Unit 1 Area of Study 3

The focus of the learning will include…

On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the purposes, and key concepts of civil law, and apply legal reasoning to argue the liability of a party in civil law based on actual and/or hypothetical scenarios.

Students will…

1. Apply legal reasoning or principles to one actual or hypothetical case
2. Undertake a detailed investigation into Family law by researching and investigating the relevant legal principles to Family Law by covering:
* the rights protected by the law
* the elements required to establish liability
* the limitations of actions
* possible defences
* the role of statute law and common law in developing the elements and defences
* the impact of the breach on an aggrieved party

What will be covered in class

* Family Relationships
* Marriage and the legal requirements of marriage
* Divorce and the dissolution of marriage
* The role of the Family Court of Australia
* Case Study – Domestic Relationships
* Case Study – Marriage Equality (Same Sex Marriage)
* Case Study – Pre-nups or binding financial agreements
* Case Study – Alternative Marriage Arrangements (Child Brides)

Assessment

* Debate