

Aspire (ATAR)

PATHWAY:

- An extension of the Stage 4/5 Aspire program at the junior campuses.
- For highly motivated students looking to thrive in their studies and require a high-level ATAR to access their desired University course.
- Offers an outreach program with tutorial sessions outside regular class hours.
- Ideal for students considering extension subjects.
- Features academic immersion through day excursions.
- Provides internal support for early entries and external testing opportunities, including UCAT, GMSAT, and LAT.
- Assists with attending university open days and information seminars.
- Offers support for alternative or overseas university entrance exams.
- Provides advice on subject packaging.
- Participation in Elevate Study Skills workshops.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).
- Exemplary attendance required.
- Successful management of external commitments, such as sports and work.
- Expected study time of 1-2 hours per subject per week.
- Participation in Aspire opportunities is expected.

BASE SUBJECTS:

- 2 Units of Advanced English

PLUS:

- 10 Units of Board Developed Courses (BDC)
 - Recommend 2 Units of Advanced Mathematics
 - Extension Courses
- At least 4 different subjects
- Content endorsed courses (CECs) are not permitted in pattern of study.

SCENARIO:

Sarah is a Year 10 student who has always been passionate about debating, writing, and understanding how societies function. She's interested in justice, human rights, and loves analysing complex problems. Sarah's dream is to become a lawyer, and she aims to study law at university after completing her Higher School Certificate (HSC).

HSC Subject Selection: To pursue law at university, Sarah needs to focus on subjects that will help her develop strong analytical, research, and communication skills.

1. **English Advanced:** *Why?* A strong command of English is crucial for law, as it develops critical reading, writing, and analytical skills. Sarah can also consider taking **English Extension 1** and **English Extension 2** if she excels in Advanced English.
2. **Legal Studies:** *Why?* This subject gives Sarah a foundational understanding of the legal system, legal terminology, and key legal concepts, which are directly relevant to her future studies.
3. **Modern History:** *Why?* History helps Sarah develop her research skills, understand the context of legal systems, and improve her ability to construct arguments based on evidence.
4. **Economics:** *Why?* Economics offers insight into how laws affect society, particularly in areas such as trade, finance, and policy-making. It also enhances Sarah's analytical and problem-solving skills.
5. **Mathematics Advanced:** *Why?* Good maths skills are useful for developing logical thinking and understanding statistics, which can be important in legal studies and practice.
6. **Studies of Religion I:** *Why?* This subject provides Sarah with an understanding of ethical issues and cultural perspectives, which are important in the study of law, especially in areas like human rights and international law.

Considerations for ATAR: Sarah is aware that to gain entry into a law degree at a top university, she will likely need a high Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). She chooses subjects that she enjoys and is good at, as this will help her achieve strong results. Additionally, Sarah plans to participate in co-curricular activities like the debating team and mock trial competitions, which will help her develop skills that are valuable in law, such as public speaking, argumentation, and critical thinking.