Business Faculty

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Studies in Business

Business activity affects the daily lives of all Australians as they work, spend, save, invest, travel and play. It influences jobs, incomes and opportunities for personal enterprise.

Business education is important for students in Years 7 - 12 as it is at this time that they gain a degree of independence in accumulating and managing finances, make decisions about goods and services, and acquire legal rights and responsibilities as citizens. Students studying Business subjects will develop effective decision-making skills related to consumer behaviour and the management and evaluation of personal financial matters, resulting in improved economic, consumer and financial literacy.

Business practices continue to evolve. Information procedures and information and communication technologies (ICTs) impact upon the ways people do business — for example, the ways that people interact, communicate, trade and manage records. ICTs can be used to enhance business activities and produce high-quality outcomes. Individuals, groups and organisations use business practices to achieve their goals. Business practices refer to the ways people work in business environments. Business practices involve the use of innovation, entrepreneurial creativity, strategic planning, management, marketing, communication and ICTs to create successful enterprises and ventures.

The changing nature of work will require individuals to work in new ways and in diverse work environments.

Business subjects are designed, not only to provide a foundation in the discipline of a particular area, eg Accounting, Law and Business Management, but also to prepare students for further education, training and employment.

Business teaching staff at NRSHS regularly attend professional development to maintain the currency of their information technology skills and understandings, essential in a subject area which is constantly changing. Networking with colleagues at NRSHS, other schools and local businesses is actively encouraged.

Students who study Business subjects will enter the workforce with a sound knowledge of current business practices and industry standard software. This should enable them to participate more effectively and responsibly in a changing business environment.

Full details about the subjects offered by the Business Faculty are provided in the subject information booklets. The link to these documents can be found on the quick links section, on the left hand side of website home page.
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| Years 11 and 12 | Authority Subjects:  
|                | • Accounting  
|                | • Legal Studies  
|                | • Business Communication and Technologies (BCT)        |

Authority Registered Subject:

**eLearning**

eLearning is embedded throughout all Business subjects. Some strategies and tools we use include:

| Communication and collaboration | Learning Place Tools:  
|                                | • Ed Studios  
|                                | • Learning Pathways  |
| Other tools used for student participation and engagement:  
|                                | • Interactive Whiteboard  
|                                | • Forums  
|                                | • Emails  |

| Multimedia | • Digital Photography  
|            | • 2D Animation (Flash Animation) |

| Data analysis | • Spreadsheets used to analyze, interpret and represent data.  
|               | (MS Excel)  
|               | • MYOB (Mind Your Own Business Accounting Package) |

| Problem solving/programming | • Programming business applications (Visual Basic) |

| Resources | • Current computers with dedicated graphics memory  
|           | • Digital cameras  
|           | • Camcorders  
|           | • Tripods  
|           | • Extensive range of current business software |