



HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) COMMERCE

Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that form the foundation upon which young people make sound decisions about consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues.

At Masada College, Commerce is offered as either a 1 year course (100 hours of study) or 2 year course (200 hours of study) during Year 9 and 10. Our classes are a composite of Year 9 and 10 students and we work on a two year cycle so that different topics are covered each year.

Our Mission

Students who study Commerce at Masada develop knowledge and skills that enable them to:

- understand consumer, financial, business, legal and employment matters
- problem-solve in relation to consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues
- undertake effective research and communication
- work independently and collaboratively
- develop numeracy skills specific to organising and maintaining personal finances and record-keeping
- develop values in relation to ethical and socially responsible behaviour in relation to personal decision-making, business practices, employment and legal issues
- value & appreciate fundamental rights, rules and laws that promote fairness, justice and equity in our society through responsible and active citizenship.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Special Events

Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities outside the classroom including:

- Australian Securities Exchange Share Market Game (played twice a year)
- Excursions to places such as the Law Courts, Police station, shopping centres
- Various guest speakers may share their expertise with students
- In the past students have learnt how to develop and go on to run their own successful businesses

Relevance to Senior School Study

Many of our students at Masada find that Commerce is a very useful stepping stone into Year 11 and 12 subjects such as Economics, Business Studies and Accounting. Not only does it give them a strong foundation in how to do the kind of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions that they may come across in senior years, but they are also introduced to the kind of language and concepts that are used in these subjects.

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