Commerce Department

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

At Masada 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 2 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

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)
- In the past we have had excursions to places such as the Law Courts, Police station, shopping centres
- Various guest speakers may share their expertise with students
- Students have learnt how to develop their own 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 gives them a strong foundation in preparing for 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 the subjects teachers to discuss their progress and receive one-on-one assistance. In the holiday periods, students are also able to email their revision work to teachers to receive feedback.