Assessment Task

Subject: Legal Studies – Year 11 (Stage 1)
Teacher: Mr Darrell Leng
Task Title: Mapping a Legal Issue
Draft Due Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2016
Final Due Date: Friday, 25 March 2016

Please note that failure to submit the task by this date will result in academic detention until completed.

Learning Requirements:
1. Display knowledge and understand of different sources of law in the Australian legal system
2. Evaluate the nature and operation of aspects of the Australian legal system
3. Develop inquiry skills through accessing and using information on aspects of the legal system
4. Communicate informed observations and opinions on contemporary legal issues and debates, using legal terminology and appropriate acknowledgement of sources

Outcomes Assessed:

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Task Outline:

Part 1 Mapping a Legal Issue:

- Mind map a legal issue of your choosing on a current topic (up to 12 months ago)
  - Topic can be from news media or an issue of personal interest
  - Mind map has at least 4 nodes with each node expanded with relevant research notes (bullet points acceptable)
  - Mind mapping software or on paper as long as it's legible

Part 2 Essay:

- Briefly introduce the issue
- Explain how the different sources of law in Australia are highlighted through this issue
- Evaluate opposing arguments on the issue (compare and contrast)
- Evaluate the nature and operation of relevant aspects of the Australian legal system in relation to the issue
- Present a justified recommendation for changes to the law
- Use appropriate referencing for information selected

Assessment Conditions

The issues study should be a minimum of 1400 words in essay form, 6 minutes if oral or the equivalent in multimodal form. Whatever form is chosen, there should be evidence of research, including a relevant media article.

The assessment can be in any one of the following formats:

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<td>Comprehensive skills in accessing and using information on aspects of the legal system.</td>
<td>Perceptively evaluation of issues or concepts through discussion and illustration of opposing arguments to reach an informed conclusion. Insightful recognition of how the Australian legal system responds to cultural diversity. Comprehensive and astute evaluation of the nature and operation of aspects of the Australian legal system.</td>
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<td>Detailed knowledge and well-considered understanding of the legal rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in Australian society. Detailed knowledge and well-considered understanding of different sources of law in the Australian legal system. Well-considered understanding of the values inherent in the Australian legal system.</td>
<td>Considerable skills in accessing and using information on aspects of the legal system.</td>
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<td>Appropriate knowledge and considered understanding of the legal rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in Australian society. Appropriate knowledge and considered understanding of some sources of law in the Australian legal system. Considered understanding of the values inherent in the Australian legal system.</td>
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<td>Some endeavour to access and use information relevant to aspects of the legal system.</td>
<td>Basic consideration of issues or concepts through discussion and description of some arguments. Some recognition of how the Australian legal system responds to cultural diversity. Description, with attempted evaluation, of the nature and operation of aspects of the Australian legal system.</td>
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<td>Emerging awareness of the legal rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in Australian society. Limited awareness of any sources of law in the Australian legal system. Emerging recognition that there are values inherent in the Australian legal system.</td>
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