



# **NSW Court Experience Programs**

## **HSC Legal Studies**

### **Booklet 1: Suggested Pre-Learning Activities**



## 1. Think, Pair, Share

The justice process is

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Court protocols are important to the rule of law because they

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What I am expecting to see at the courts is

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Judges make decisions based on

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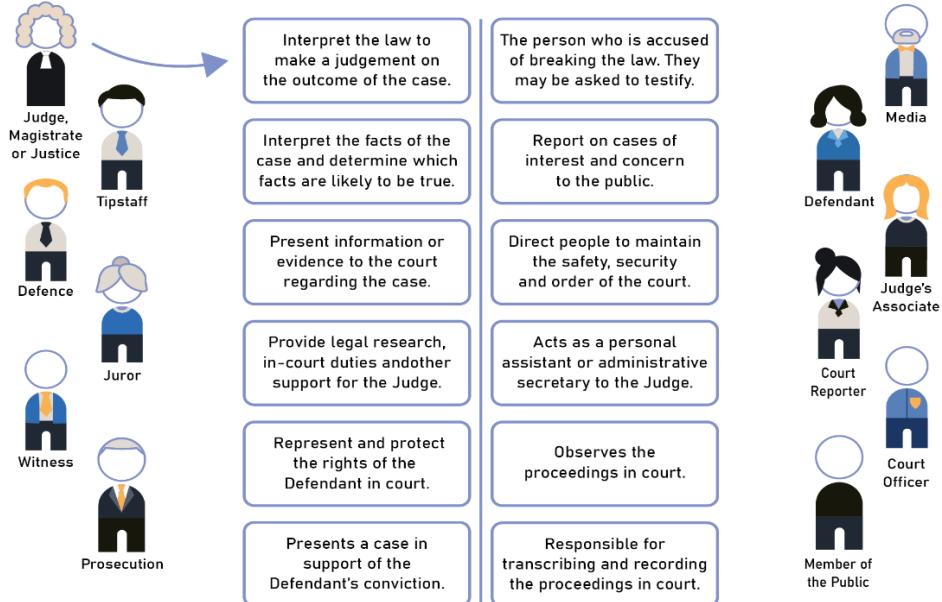
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## 2. Court personnel review.

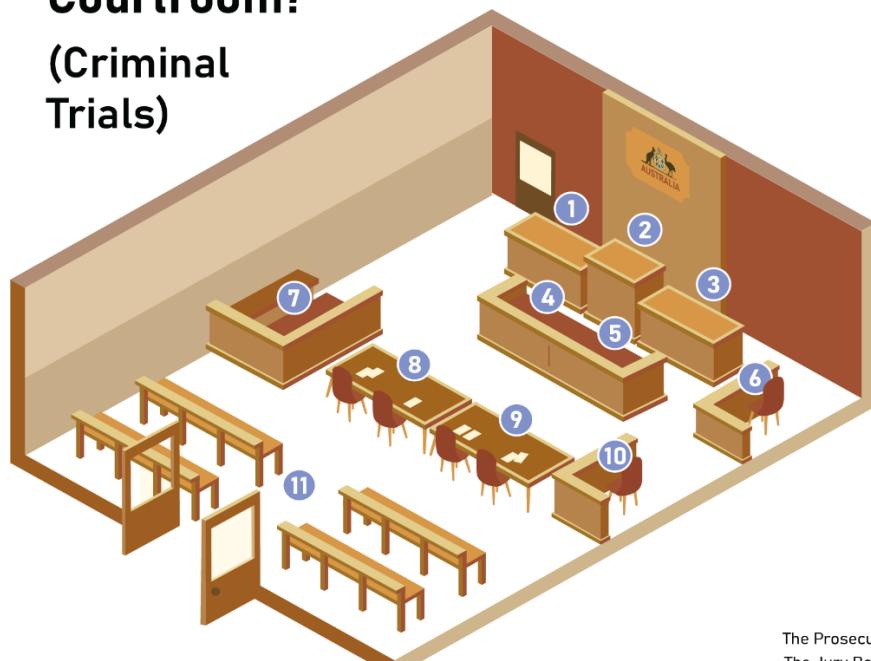
### Activity 1: Can You Match the Person to Their Role?

(Criminal Trials)



### Activity 2: Who's Who in the Courtroom?

(Criminal Trials)



Fill in the blanks:

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 P\_a\_l\_y 11  
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Hints:

The Prosecution sits close to the Jury Box.

The Jury Box is directly opposite the Dock.

The Dock is where the Defendant sits.

The Tipstaff sits on the Judge's left.



### 3. Key terms you may hear in court.

Here are some key terms you may hear used in court. Find and write definitions for the blank terms below.

#### Bail

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#### AVO

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#### Suspended Sentence

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#### CCO (Community Corrections Order)

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#### Adjourn

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#### Breach

Where conditions of an order made by the courts are broken by an accused or offender, such as a Bail order, Community Corrections Order etc.

#### Sentence

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#### Custodial Sentence

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## Sentencing Guidelines

Guidelines that have been written to assist judicial officers in making their sentencing decisions. These help to provide consistency in the way accused persons committing similar offences are sentenced, however, you will notice that judicial officers will take into account a number of factors relating specifically to the accused before them and use their discretion to decide on the most appropriate punishment.

### **Penalty units**

Penalty units refer to a monetary penalty (fine) and they define the amount payable for committing different offences. Different offences attract different quantities of penalty units. Currently, the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* of NSW states that one penalty unit is equal to \$110. The *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) sets out the penalties for different offences, for example, stealing plants, vegetables, fruit etc from a garden carries a fine of 5 penalty units (\$550). Fines can also be paired with other types of sentence, for example, spiking another person's drinks or food with an intoxicating substance attracts 100 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years, or both.

### **Fine**

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### **Legal Aid**

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### **Self-represented**

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### **Police prosecutor**

Police officers that are making the case for the Crown in the Local Court. They do not dress in uniform and are not lawyers, and you may hear Magistrates refer to them by their rank (for example, Sargent).

### **Mister, Miss or Madame crown**

The prosecutor representing the Crown in a criminal case.

### **Sequence**

The charges that have been laid against the accused. You will not hear what the charge is, rather court personnel will refer to sequence 1, sequence 2 etc.