## YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES Wollongong Court House Excursion

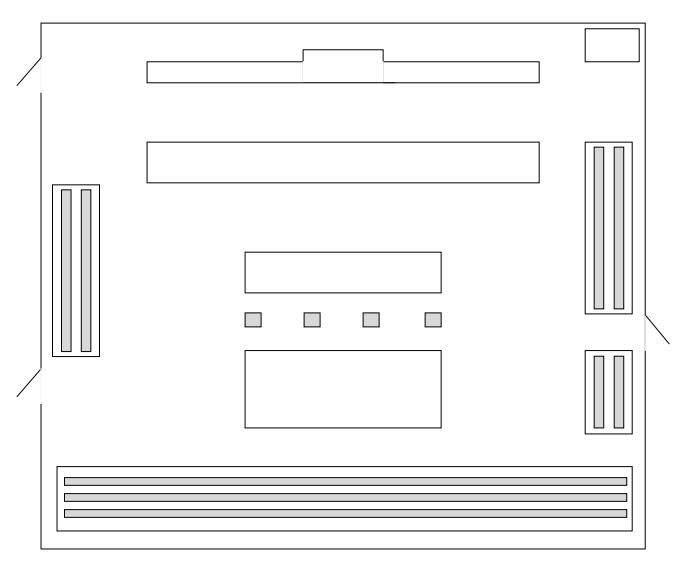
**CONDUCT AT COURT** – It is important when attending court that students:

- 1. enter and leave the courtroom as quietly as possible and in a proper manner
- 2. sit and watch in silence while each case is being heard
- 3. remember that each court case is a serious and emotional experience for the people involved
- 4. keep mobile phones, audio devices etc. turned off at all times while in court

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2. Label the diagram of the courtroom using the terms – public gallery, prosecution, solicitor/barrister, bar table, defence solicitor/barrister, judge/magistrate, witness box, jury, bench, judge's assistant, crown prosecutor, defence counsel, the accused/offender(s), and recorder.



Plan of a Courtroom

3. If there is a suitable case being heard on while in court, fill in the following summary table

Person Charged	Nature of Offence	Plea (guilty / not)	Witnesses	Type of Court	Sentence Given
Give a general description of the person charged	State the type of offence and describe what happened	If not guilty state the reasons that were argued for this	State who the people where and explain how relevant they are to the case		If no sentencing describe what was decided on this date for this offence

4.	Identify the	number	of courtroom	s in the	Wollongong	Courthouse	building and	d name them.
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5.	Explain why	there are so	many people	waiting aroun	d in the	waiting area.

6.	Identify the roles of the police present at the courts.

- 8. Write a series of summary notes on the talk given by the Wollongong Courthouse education staff.
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<sup>7.</sup> Explain how the court is different to the way it is presented on Television.

<sup>8.</sup> Write a series of summary notes on the talk given by the Wollongong Courthouse

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### **Charge/Court Process**

### Offence – Arrest

Charge Process (CAN or Charge)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Mention Date (Guilty/Not Guilty)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mention Date

(Guilty/Not Guilty – Brief to be served by ...)

### **Reply Date**

(Guilty/Not Guilty – Set date for hearing)

### **Hearing Date**

(Witnesses, Victim, Police and Defence)

Hearing Date: Police

Victim Witnesses Defence

Police prosecutor and Defence Solicitor give their closing speech Magistrate decides verdict (guilty/not guilty) and possible penalty/sentence