

School administrators, Heads of Learning Area – Humanities and Social Sciences and teachers of Politics and Law ATAR Year 12 are requested to note for 2024 the following minor syllabus changes. The syllabus is labelled as 'For teaching from 2024'.

### Politics and Law | ATAR Year 12 | Summary of minor syllabus changes for 2024

The content identified by ~~strikethrough~~ has been deleted from the syllabus and the content identified in *italics* has been revised in the syllabus for teaching from 2024:

#### Unit 3

- change in the balance of power since federation, with reference to
  - financial powers, including vertical fiscal imbalance and horizontal fiscal equalisation, the Grants Commission
  - referral of powers Section 51(xxxvii)
  - ~~the Council of Australian Governments (COAG)~~
  - ~~National Federation Reform Council (NFRC) and the National Cabinet (replaced COAG June 2020)~~
  - *intergovernmental relations through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG, 1992 to 2020) replaced by National Cabinet (2020 to present) with Ministerial Councils (2022 to present) reporting to it*
  - co-operative federalism as opposed to coercive federalism
  - High Court of Australia constitutional interpretation, including external affairs power Section 51(xxix), corporations power Section 51(xx), and taxation powers