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| **Syllabus changes** |
| 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 in 2023: **Unit 1 – Democracy and the rule of law**  * Essential to the understanding of democracy and the rule of law ~~are~~ *is knowledge of:* * *the separation of powers doctrine* * *sovereignty of parliament* * *division of powers* * *representative government* * *Westminster conventions of responsible parliamentary government* * *constitutionalism* * *federalism* * *judicial independence.* * structure of the *Australian political system and the Australian legal system ~~in Australia~~, including:* * *separation of powers* * *federalism* * *representative government* * *Westminster conventions of responsible parliamentary government* * *constitutional monarchy* * *common law system* * structures and processes of: * one democratic political and legal system * one non-democratic political and legal system   *with reference to the operating principles of a liberal democracy*   * types of laws made by parliaments *(statute law),* courts *(common law)* and subordinate authorities *(delegated legislation)* * key processes *(pre-trial, trial and post-trial)* of civil and criminal trials in Western Australia * key processes of at least one non-common law *(inquisitorial)* system  **Unit 2 – Representation and justice**  * Essential to the understanding of representation and justice *~~are~~ is knowledge of:* * *the principles of fair elections* * *political participation* * *natural justice.* * political representation with reference to the role of *individuals*, political parties and pressure groups * the Western Australian and Commonwealth electoral *~~and voting~~* systems since Federation*, including:* * *compulsory voting* * *preferential voting* * *proportional voting* * *the franchise* * advantages and disadvantages of the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems in Australia with reference to at least one recent (the last ten years) election * a recently implemented or proposed reform (the last ten years) to the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems in Australia * the electoral ~~and voting~~ systems of another country |