



Belconnen High School

COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **9 Philosophy**

Faculty: **Humanities and Social Sciences**

Faculty Head: Michael Robertson

Description of Course

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Learning Outcomes

- Analyses the impact of assumptions and sources of error in methods and evaluates the validity of conclusions and claims
- Reads, views and comprehends a range of texts created to inform, influence and engage audiences
- Selects and experiments with text structures to organise, develop and link ideas and representations when writing and creating
- Evaluates the accuracy, usefulness and reliability of sources as evidence
- Constructs logical arguments based on analysis of a variety of evidence to support conclusions and evaluate claims

Materials Required

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Homework Required

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