



Belconnen High School

COURSE OUTLINE Semester 2, 2026

Course Title: **9 Forensic Science**
Faculty Head: Leanne Claridge

Faculty: **Science**

Description of Course

The Forensic Science elective explores the processes involved in using scientific evidence to support criminal investigations and legal proceedings. Students learn to distinguish contact traces from other types of evidence and examine common forms of forensic evidence. They develop an understanding of the difference between objective and subjective evidence and how each is used in forensic investigations. Students design and produce a crime scene scenario, which is then peer tested to evaluate the collection and interpretation of evidence.

Learning Outcomes

- Plans and conducts safe, reproducible investigations to test or identify relationships and models
- Selects and constructs effective representations to organise, process and summarise data and information
- Analyses and connects a variety of data and information to identify and explain patterns, trends, relationships and anomalies
- Evaluates the validity and reproducibility of methods, and the validity of conclusions and claims
- Constructs logical arguments based on analysis of a variety of evidence to support conclusions and evaluate claims
- Selects and uses content, language and text features effectively to achieve their purpose when communicating their ideas, findings and arguments to diverse audiences

Materials Required

Students will have access to a google classroom where class tasks and assessment items will be displayed, therefore a device is required. The assessment dates for this subject will appear on the students google calendar. Students can refer to the BHS Study Skills Guide and the BHS website for assistance with assessment tasks. The Assessment and Reporting Policy is available on the school website. Items Required Chromebook or suitable device Notebooks, pencil case and equipment.

Homework Required

Students will be expected to complete a variety of tasks outside of class time. This may include, teacher-set homework, research for tasks, revision for tests, review of class work and more.

Assessment Schedule

	Due Date	% Weighting
Evidence Analysis	13/08/2026	
Practical Test	03/09/2026	
Theory Test	17/09/2026	
Crime Scene Project	16/11/2026	
Classwork ongoing	04/12/2026	