

# LAWS 2013 TORTS LAW

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 200008

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**Description** The subject introduces students to the legal principles and policy of a variety of torts, defences and remedies. The subject also introduces students to the generic legal skills of case reading and analysis and note taking, statutory interpretation and legal problem solving, as well as placing the law in the wider political and social context.

**School** Law

**Discipline** Law, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Co-requisite(s)** LAWS 1006 OR LAWS 1003

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Discuss the key principles of Australian torts law prescribed by accrediting authorities.
2. Explain the relationship between common law, legislation and policy in a torts context
3. Apply principles and processes of legal reasoning including case analysis and statutory interpretation to analyse and resolve torts legal problems.
4. Identify issues of equity, diversity and social justice in tort law.
5. Develop clear, concise and persuasive arguments to effectively communicate answers to legal problems.

## Subject Content

1. Intentional torts
2. Negligence
3. Defences
4. Concurrent liability
5. Bringing it all together: Case study of Stolen Generations litigation

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	1,500 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Viva Voce	15 minutes	30	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Anita Stuhmcke and Pam Stewart, *Australian Principles of Tort Law* (Federation Press, 2022) <https://federationpress.com.au/product/australian-principles-of-tort-law/>

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Campbelltown

#### On-site

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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