

Fact Sheet

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What is the Australian Curriculum?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development, monitoring and evaluation of Australia's national curriculum from Foundation (Prep) to Year 12. The Australian Curriculum sets the expectations for what all Australian students should be taught, regardless of where they live or their background.

The F-10 Australian Curriculum is a three-dimensional curriculum that recognises the central importance of disciplinary knowledge, skills and understanding; general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

Content descriptions and Achievement standards are key elements in the following eight learning areas:

English

Mathematics

Science

Humanities and Social Sciences (History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship, Business and Economics)

The Arts (Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts)

Health and Physical Education

Technologies (Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies)

Languages.

The Australian Curriculum does not specify how the content must be taught.

What does the Australian Curriculum mean for Catholic education?

Catholic schooling authorities, with support from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), are supporting schools in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Implementation means learning areas and subjects are 'taught, assessed and reported'. Catholic schools have developed implementation plans to cater for local contexts across all learning areas.

Links

For more information:

[ACARA](http://www.acara.edu.au) website

[QCAA](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au) website