

FACT SHEET

Australian Curriculum

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 importance of disciplinary knowledge, skills and understanding; general capabilities; and cross-curriculum priorities.

Content descriptions and achievement standards are key elements in the following key 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)
- Technologies (Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies)
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages.

Schools and teachers are responsible for the organisation of learning, the context for learning, and planning learning in ways that best meet their students' needs and interests.

What does the Australian Curriculum mean for Catholic education?

Catholic School Authorities, with support from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), support 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

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[ACARA](#) website

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