

ACARA is responsible for the development of the Australian Curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Phase 1

The first phase of development of the Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history is well under way.

Phase 2

A second phase of work has begun to develop the Australian Curriculum for languages, geography and the arts.

Phase 3

Future phases of Australian Curriculum development will focus on the remaining learning areas identified in the *Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians* that was agreed by all education Ministers in 2008. This will include health and physical education, information and communication technology and design technology, economics, business, and civics and citizenship. The Melbourne Declaration is available at www.mceecdya.edu.au

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An overview



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About the draft K–10 Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for developing a world-class national curriculum that will inspire and challenge our young people.

All Australian governments have committed to the development and implementation of a K–12 national curriculum, initially in the areas of English, mathematics, science and history.

Now is the time to have your say on the draft K–10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history. The draft curriculum is available for public comment from 1 March until 30 May 2010.

Go to www.australiancurriculum.edu.au to view the draft K-10 curriculum and provide your feedback.

Work on the Australian Curriculum for Years 11–12 English, mathematics, science and history is underway. The senior secondary curriculum will be available for consultation between April and June 2010.

Why develop an Australian Curriculum?

A quality education for all young Australians is critical to maintaining Australia's productivity and quality of life.

It is widely accepted that Australia should have one curriculum for school students, rather than the eight different arrangements that currently exist. The Australian Curriculum will make clear to parents, teachers and students what young people should be taught and the quality of learning that is expected of them, regardless of location.

How is the Australian Curriculum being written?

ACARA is responsible for the development of the Australian Curriculum.

ACARA has drawn together the best talent across the nation, including teachers, curriculum experts and subject experts, to draft the K-10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history. The curriculum writers are supported in their work by advisory panels with expertise in subject and learning areas, equity and diversity, and stages of schooling.

What is in the Australian Curriculum?

For each learning area, the Australian Curriculum includes content descriptions and achievement standards.

The content descriptions specify what teachers are expected to teach at each year level. An achievement standard describes the quality of learning expected of students at each year level.

The Australian Curriculum also provides examples that illustrate each content description through content elaborations, and student work samples to illustrate the achievement standards.

How can I become involved in the consultation?

The easiest way to provide feedback is by visiting the consultation website www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

By registering on this website you can read, review, download or print any, or all, of the draft K-10 Australian Curriculum.

The website is also the place where individuals and groups can complete an online feedback survey. In addition to the online feedback, teachers in many schools will be examining the curriculum materials in detail to provide feedback on the usability of the online curriculum.

ACARA will also conduct state, territory and national invitational forums and public information sessions during March and April. Some states and territories may also conduct their own consultation sessions. For more information on the consultation process visit www.acara.edu.au

Make your view count

As you view the draft curriculum on the website, you can provide feedback on any aspect of the curriculum by using rating scales or writing comments by clicking on a feedback button. You can also complete an online feedback survey.

ACARA welcomes and encourages the involvement of all stakeholders in the consultation process. It is important that everyone takes this opportunity to contribute to the development of the Australian Curriculum.

ACARA will consider all feedback and use it to inform the final online publication of the Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history later in 2010. Implementation of the Australian Curriculum in the first four learning areas of English, mathematics, science and history will commence from 2011.

Implementation of the Australian Curriculum is the responsibility of state and territory education authorities.