

What does the draft K–10 Australian Curriculum look like?

The development of the Australian Curriculum in the first phase includes English, mathematics, science and history. The second phase will see the development of geography, arts and languages, followed by a third phase involving the rest of the curriculum.

You can view the draft K–10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history online at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au where it is available for public feedback.

Each learning area includes content descriptions and achievement standards.

The content descriptions specify what teachers are expected to teach. They include the knowledge, skills and understanding for each learning area at each year level. The content descriptions provide a well-researched scope and sequence of teaching, within which teachers determine how best to cater for individual students' learning needs and interests.

Examples that illustrate each content description can be found in content elaborations. These are available for those teachers and others who may require assistance to better understand the content description.

An achievement standard describes the quality of learning (the depth of understanding, extent of knowledge and sophistication of skill) expected of students at each year level. Students who achieve the standard are well able to progress to the next level.

Annotated student work samples will illustrate the achievement standard at each year level. Some samples are available to view during consultation and a more complete set will become available over time.

The Australian Curriculum is an online curriculum that provides maximum flexibility in how the curriculum can be accessed and organised.

For example, users can view, download and print the curriculum for a particular learning area at one year level or across multiple year levels. They can also view, download and print content with a focus on one or more of the general capabilities or cross-curriculum dimensions, ie Indigenous history and culture, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, and sustainability.