The Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is designed for students to learn what it takes to be confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. It sets goals for all students as they progress through school.

# How is the Australian Curriculum organised?

The Australian Curriculum is three dimensional and includes learning areas, general capabilities, and cross-curriculum priorities explained below.

Eight Learning Areas

From Transition to Year 10, students develop knowledge and skills in eight learning areas:

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| * English * Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) * Mathematics * The Arts | * Science * Technologies * Health and Physical Education (HPE) * Languages |

The eight learning areas mentioned above contain content descriptions that detail the knowledge, understanding and skills to be taught each year or across a band of years. Achievement standards describe what students should know and be able to do as a result of teaching and learning in the classroom.

#### General Capabilities

These are included in and taught through the content of the learning areas. They help prepare young Australians to learn, live and work in the 21st century. There are seven general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:

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| * Literacy * Numeracy * Information and Communication Technology (ICT) | * Critical and Creative Thinking * Personal and Social * Ethical Understanding * Intercultural Understanding |

#### Cross-curriculum priorities

These are priorities considered critical to Australia’s future, and provide a context for learning. The three cross-curriculum priorities are:

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| * Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders Histories and Culture | * Asia and Australia’s Engagement with Asia * Sustainability |

# How do NT schools use the Australian Curriculum?

All NT government schools deliver the Australian Curriculum as the standard curriculum. Each school is expected to develop a whole school curriculum and assessment plan for how they will organise their delivery, taking into account their students’ needs and local context. Contact your child’s school to find out more about their whole school curriculum and assessment plan.

# Where can I find more information?

Please visit the Australian Curriculum website for more information:

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>