

Australian Curriculum Review

- The Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum outlines the core knowledge and skills to be taught to all Australian students.
- It sets consistent expectations for what every Australian student should learn and the standard of that learning. Schools decide how best to deliver the national curriculum to meet the educational needs of their students and communities.
- State and territory curriculum and school authorities are responsible for implementation of the Australian Curriculum in their schools – they decide on the extent and timing of the take-up and translation of the national curriculum.
- Regular reviews and updating are essential to ensure the curriculum continues to meet the educational needs of students and is best practice. The Australian Curriculum, last reviewed in 2014, is subject to a six-year cycle of review (as agreed by education ministers in 2015).
- The aims and scope of the Review were defined following a five-year program of research by ACARA, which included consultation with education stakeholders, benchmarking the Australian Curriculum against the curricula of Singapore, Finland, British Columbia and New Zealand, and feedback from state/territory jurisdictions through ACARA’s annual monitoring process.
- The overall finding was the Australian Curriculum needs refining, updating and decluttering to better support teachers with implementation, but there was no support for, or identified need, for a major overhaul.
- The Review aims to improve the Australian Curriculum across all eight learning areas (English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies, Health and Physical Education, and Languages) from Foundation to Year 10 by refining, realigning and decluttering the content of the curriculum.
- The Australian Curriculum Review is a national collaborative effort involving state and territories education authorities, curriculum experts and teachers around Australia.
- Teacher and curriculum specialist reference groups were established in July 2020 for each learning area, following approval of the Review’s terms of reference by education ministers on 12 June 2020.
- The updated version of the Australian Curriculum, once approved by the ministers, will be made available on an improved, redesigned Australian Curriculum website at the start of 2022.
- A national curriculum was introduced to improve the quality, equity and transparency of Australia’s education system. The original Foundation – Year 10 curriculum was endorsed in September 2015.

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