

# The Australian Curriculum

## Information for parents and carers

### Years 5 and 6

The Australian Curriculum is designed to develop successful learners; confident and creative individuals; and active and informed young people who are ready to take their place in society.

It sets the goals for what all students should learn as they progress through schooling – wherever they live in Australia and whatever school they attend.

There are 8 learning areas, which provide a modern curriculum for every student in Australia.

The curriculum includes 7 general capabilities intended to help prepare young Australians to learn, live and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

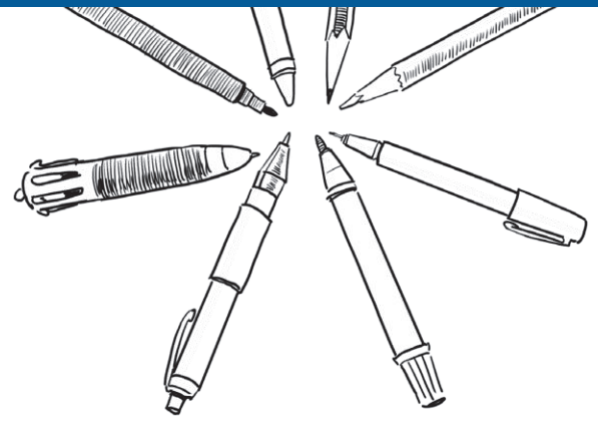
There are 3 cross-curriculum priorities that also enrich the learning areas.

The Australian Curriculum is used flexibly by schools and teachers, who plan the learning for all their students while taking into account their local school community.

For more information about your child and their educational progress, talk to your school.

### English

Students read and discuss texts for enjoyment and learning. They express their thoughts and opinions about what they have read. They write a wide variety of well-constructed texts such as reviews, reports and narratives. They transfer the literacy skills developed in English to other learning areas.



In Years 5 and 6, students learn to take positive actions for their wellbeing. They relate to and communicate well with others. They ask challenging questions and seek answers. Students make informed decisions and act responsibly. The development of digital literacy skills increases across the curriculum at this level.

Students learn to:

- understand how authors organise their texts
- select vocabulary to represent ideas, characters and events
- discuss and compare information in different texts
- use evidence from a text to explain their response to it
- find historical, social and cultural ideas in literature by First Nations Australian, wide-ranging Australian and world authors
- create written and multimodal texts to develop and explain ideas
- write a range of sentences, including complex sentences
- use topic-specific vocabulary
- use accurate spelling and punctuation
- use speaking strategies including questioning, clarifying and rephrasing to contribute to class discussions.