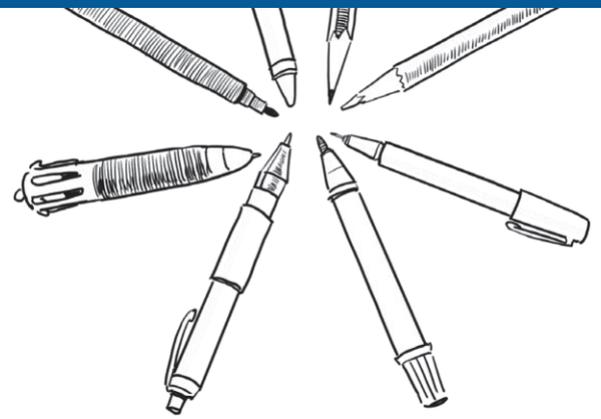


The Australian Curriculum

Information for parents and carers



Foundation

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 21st 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.

In their first year of school, students learn from their teachers and through their interactions with others. They experiment, practise and play in the classroom and school community. Priority is given to literacy and numeracy development as these are the foundations upon which further learning is built. There are opportunities to develop literacy and numeracy in all subjects and particularly in English and Mathematics. Learning in a classroom and belonging to a school community are key to the first year at school.

Each state and territory has a different name for the first formal year of schooling, such as Reception, Kindergarten, Pre-Primary or Prep.

English

Students engage with texts that entertain and inform, such as picture books and rhymes. They begin learning to read and create texts.

Students learn to:

- communicate with others in familiar situations
- retell stories and personal experiences
- report on topics they have learnt
- read and talk about texts, including stories, information texts and texts by First Nations Australian, Australian and world authors and illustrators
- recognise rhyming words, syllables and sounds
- name letters and the most common sounds the letters make
- listen to, read and view picture books
- write some words and phrases
- recognise some common words
- create texts both orally and in writing.

