Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

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Overview

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Organisation-wide update

- General Manager, Assessment and Reporting
- ACARA Board membership
Australian Curriculum

• Implementation as per advice from BOSTES
Value proposition of the Australian Curriculum

- setting national expectations
- connecting teachers across country
- resource development and sharing
- national conversations about what young Australians should learn
Status of Australian Curriculum

• Technologies, HPE, civics and citizenship, economics and business: made available for use by states and territories
• The arts: endorsed and will, in due course, be moved to ‘approved curriculum’ on website
• Languages: approved and under development.
Senior secondary curriculum

• 15 subjects published
• broad commitment to integrating the content – details on the ACARA website
• proposals for further development of senior secondary curriculum being developed
• discussion about certification.
Primary curriculum

ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) has developed a new curriculum for primary schools in Australia. This curriculum aims to provide a consistent and comprehensive program for students across the country. The primary curriculum includes core subjects such as numeracy and literacy, as well as more specialized areas like science, technology, and the arts. The curriculum is designed to be flexible, allowing teachers to adapt it to meet the needs of individual students and schools.

ACARA works collaboratively with state and territory curriculum and education departments to ensure that the curriculum is relevant and effective. They also provide professional development opportunities for teachers to support the implementation of the new curriculum. The aim is to create a learning environment that is engaging, relevant, and effective for all students.
Other work in curriculum area

• beta version of a new AC website
• monitoring and evaluation
• work sample portfolio development
• curriculum connections
• Australian Curriculum to be the basis of national testing.

Step 6: Monitoring
From 2014 we will report annually on feedback about the effectiveness of the curriculum. We make decisions about change carefully, balanced against the need for curriculum stability.

Under the new national curriculum
3,674,220 young people across Australia will access a world-class curriculum that equips them to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active, informed citizens.
Communication activities

- media briefing
- lots of social media posts
- 13 new videos on our YouTube channel
- NAPLAN infographic
- CEO video & ‘What’s new’ items on ACARA website home page
- CEO letter to principals
- parent info fact sheets (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)
- ACARA Update, special edition
- update to NAP website.
We are going online!
Special projects

Assessment
- faster turnaround
- investigation of online assessment implementation models
- NAPLAN Summary Report
- NAPLAN reporting, inc. proficiency bands
- assessment of writing
- NAP sample assessments

Reporting
- student attendance
What’s next for ACARA?

- future of the AC and role of ACARA
- further development of NAPLAN
To improve learning outcomes for all young Australians
Issues and directions

• ACARA
• Curriculum
• NAPLAN
Communication survey

• Have you got a minute to take our 3-question survey?
  • www.surveymonkey.co m/s/MZFX7J9
  • It’s on the home page of the ACARA website
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