National and State Libraries
Australasia

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Overview

Discussion with N&SLA about ACARA’s work, areas of common interest and possibilities for collaboration.

- ACARA
- The Australian Curriculum
- Support for the curriculum
- Schooling, educating, learning
- Discussion
Establishing ACARA

• COAG agreed to the establishment of the National Curriculum Board – Oct 2008
• The bill establishing ACARA as a statutory authority became law in Dec 2008
The ACARA Act

(a) develop and administer a national school curriculum, including content of the curriculum and achievement standards, for school subjects specified in the Charter; and

(b) develop and administer national assessments; and

(c) collect, manage and analyse student assessment data and other data relating to schools and comparative school performance; and

(d) facilitate information sharing arrangements between Australian government bodies in relation to the collection, management and analysis of school data …
National agencies
The Australian Curriculum
An Australian Curriculum

Students across the country are learning from a national curriculum
What kind of curriculum?

A focus on content?

A focus on skills?

A focus on both?
A curriculum for the 21st century: Learning areas

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and social sciences
  (History, Geography, Economics and Business, Civics and Citizenship)
- Health and physical education
- Languages (11 languages currently available)
- The Arts (Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts)
- Technologies (Design and Technologies and Digital Technologies)
A curriculum for the 21st century: General capabilities

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Intercultural Understanding
- Ethical Understanding
A curriculum for the 21st century:
Cross-curriculum priorities

• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
• Asia and Australia’s links with Asia
• Sustainability
F-10 Australian Curriculum structure

3 Cross-curriculum Priorities

8 Learning areas

7 General Capabilities

Cross-curriculum Priorities:
- Asia and Australia's Links with Asia
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures
- Sustainability

Learning Areas:
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Economics, Business
- Civics and Citizenship
- The Arts
- Languages (15)
- Health and Physical Education
- Design & Technologies
- Digital Technologies
- Technologies
- Humanities & Social Sciences

Capabilities:
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Intercultural Understanding
- Ethical Understanding
Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum sets consistent national standards to improve learning outcomes for all young Australians. It sets out, through content descriptions and achievement standards, what students should be taught and achieve, as they progress through school. It is the basis for future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community. ACARA develops the Australian Curriculum through rigorous, consultative national processes.

F–10 Curriculum

In 2014, Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum is being implemented in all states and territories of Australia. It includes learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities that together support 21st century learning. More information

Senior Secondary Curriculum

Fifteen senior secondary Australian Curriculum subjects across English, mathematics, science, history and geography have been developed in consultation with teachers, education authorities, academics, peak bodies and industry. More information

Student Diversity

The Australian Curriculum promotes excellence and equity for all students by providing a challenging curriculum from which rigorous, relevant and engaging learning programs can be developed that address individual learning needs. More information

Welcome to our new website!

Thank you to all who gave us feedback on the test website. You'll see our new site offers improved navigation and functionality and a number of exciting new features, including the ability to:

- see 'What's New'
- select and filter curriculum elements such as subjects, strands and year levels
- view each subject on a single screen
- view multiple subjects across a number of year levels, to allow curriculum connections to be made
- download and print documents in Word as well as PDF
- provide targeted feedback on curriculum elements such as:

Scootle

Scootle provides digital resources for teachers and students mapped to the Australian Curriculum.
http://www.scootle.edu.au

Language Learning Space

The Language Learning Space (LLS) provides learning resources and services for students and teachers of Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian languages.

Public consultation: Turkish and Hindi language curricula

Language curricula for Turkish and Hindi have been released for public consultation. You can find the language curricula and provide feedback on the curricula at the Australian Curriculum consultation website. Read the news item on the ACARA website.
Support for the curriculum
Scootle

20,000 quality-assured digital learning resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum
Scootle

State Library of ...
Schooling, educating, learning

Education ecosystem

From Redesigning Education: Shaping Learning Systems Around the Globe, Innovation Unit (2013)
Keeping in touch

• ACARA Update
• Stakeholder briefings
• Social media

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Thank you