

Providing feedback on the draft Australian Curriculum

How is the Australian Curriculum being developed?

The Australian Curriculum is being developed progressively over 2008 to 2013, by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

2008-2010: development of the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science and history. Senior secondary courses for these learning areas continue to be developed in 2010-2011.

2010-2012: development of the Foundation to Year 12 Australian Curriculum for geography, languages and the arts.

2011-2013: development of the remainder of the Foundation to Year 12 Australian Curriculum, including a focus on economics and business, civics and citizenship, health and physical education and design and technologies.

Within each phase of development, there are opportunities for the general community to comment and provide feedback on the draft curriculum.

How can I provide feedback?

The Australian Curriculum is published online. This provides an unprecedented opportunity for all Australians to view what will be taught and learnt by all Australian students.

It also provides a unique opportunity to view and comment on draft versions and influence the shape and direction of the Australian Curriculum.

As they become available, drafts of the Australian Curriculum are published online at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. Click on 'Consultation'. By registering on this website you can read, review, download or print any, or all, of the draft Australian Curriculum that is available for consultation.

As you view draft curriculum on the website, you can provide feedback by using rating scales and/or writing comments. If you have more to say, you can submit a written response at the email address provided.

What can I provide feedback on?

Comment can be made during consultation periods on the following elements of draft Foundation to Year 10 curriculum:

- Rationale and aims
- Content descriptions that specify what is to be taught and elaborations that illustrate content descriptions
- Achievement standards that describe the quality of learning (the depth of understanding, extent of knowledge and sophistication of skill) expected of students and annotated work samples that illustrate the achievement standards.

How will my feedback be used?

All feedback is collated and analysed by an independent survey group and the key findings are reported to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

All feedback is considered in reviewing and revising each draft curriculum before it is published online. The consultation reports along with the actions to be taken in response to the findings are publicly available on the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

ACARA encourages the involvement of all people interested in the future of education during key consultation stages.

Have your say and contribute to the development of a world-class Australian Curriculum. Go to www.australiancurriculum.edu.au to provide your feedback.