

# Implementing the Australian Curriculum

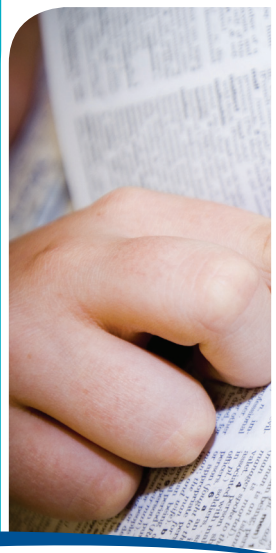
*in Tasmanian Schools*

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# Implementing the Australian Curriculum in Tasmanian Schools

## What is the Australian Curriculum?

As agreed by all State governments in Australia, the Australian Curriculum will start being implemented in Tasmanian schools from Prep to Year 10 in 2012.

When the Australian Curriculum is implemented, teaching and assessment will be common regardless of where you live in Australia. In other words, a child in year four in Tasmania will be taught the same curriculum and be assessed against the same achievement standards as a child in year four living in New South Wales or the Northern Territory.

## Why is the curriculum changing?

Establishing a common Australian Curriculum and assessment framework has many benefits, some of which include:

- Your child can be assessed against nationally-agreed standards.
- Knowledge gaps, caused when students currently move between states and territories will be minimised because students will continue to study within the nationally agreed framework.

- Parents and students can expect that students will learn the same important understandings and skills regardless of where they live in Australia.

## When are the changes happening?

The Australian Curriculum is being implemented progressively over a three-year period with English, Mathematics and Science being the first three subjects to be implemented in 2012.

Some Tasmanian schools have also chosen to implement the Australian Curriculum for History in 2012, although this is not required until 2013.

## How will the changes affect my child?

The Australian Curriculum has been developed at a national level, in consultation with each state and territory. The gradual implementation over three years has been designed to minimise the impact of changes for you and your child and help ensure that a curriculum of high quality is provided.

We anticipate many benefits for your child's learning including common teaching and learning outcomes across Australia.

## How much change will this mean?

There will be slight differences in the reporting scale used for subjects implemented as part of the Australian Curriculum.

These reports will use A – E descriptors:

- A well above the standard expected
- B above the standard expected
- C at the standard expected
- D approaching the standard expected
- E below the standard expected

All schools are required to report on student progress twice a year and to provide parents and carers with reports that use plain language.

As highlighted in the sample report below, there is little difference in the reporting of subjects under the Australian Curriculum from the current practice. The main difference is the scale used. The reporting scale will be the same for all subjects once the Australian Curriculum is fully implemented.

## Where can I go for more information?

For more information about the Australian Curriculum and how it affects you and your child, please:

- Contact your local school
- Visit the Department of Education's website: [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au)
- Call the Department of Education on 1800 816 057



Reach for the sky

**Dove Primary School**

Home Group Teacher/s: Sally Jones

Year 6

End of Year 2012

### Australian Curriculum English

**A** John is performing well above the standard expected at the end of the year for Year 6

	Needs Attention	Acceptable	Good	Excellent
Effort				✓
Behaviour			✓	

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