What is the Australian Curriculum?
The Australian Curriculum is a national framework for all schools across Australia from Preparatory to Year 10 and will eventually encompass all subject areas.

The benefits:
- Equipping students with the skills, knowledge and capabilities to enable them to effectively engage with and prosper in society
- Consistency between states and territories
- National Achievement Standards and reporting expectations
- Greater accountability

The Australian Curriculum encompasses:
- Learning Areas
- General Capabilities
- Cross-Curricula Perspectives

Learning Areas
- English (fully implemented)
- Mathematics (fully implemented)
- History (fully implemented)
- Science (fully implemented)
- Geography (fully implemented)
- The Arts (draft only)
- Languages (phasing in)
- Health and Physical Education (phasing in)
- Technologies, civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business (draft only)

What are the General Capabilities?
They encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum content in each learning area and the cross-curriculum priorities, will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century

Seven General Capabilities
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical behaviour
- Intercultural understanding

What are the Cross-Curricular Perspectives?
In the Australian Curriculum these have become priorities that provide students with the tools and language to engage with and better understand their world at a range of levels.

Cross Curricular Perspectives
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

What is an Achievement Standard?
The achievement standards are developed based on two paragraphs (assessable elements or criteria)
- One for KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING and
- One for SKILLS