



# PRIMARY MATTERS

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Welcome to the December 2015 edition of Primary Matters. This newsletter provides more information about ACARA's projects that will assist primary schools across Australia.

The Education Council has endorsed the eight learning areas of the Australian Curriculum. The endorsed [Australian Curriculum](#) includes:

- the revised Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies, and Health and Physical Education.
- Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Languages for the Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages Framework; Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

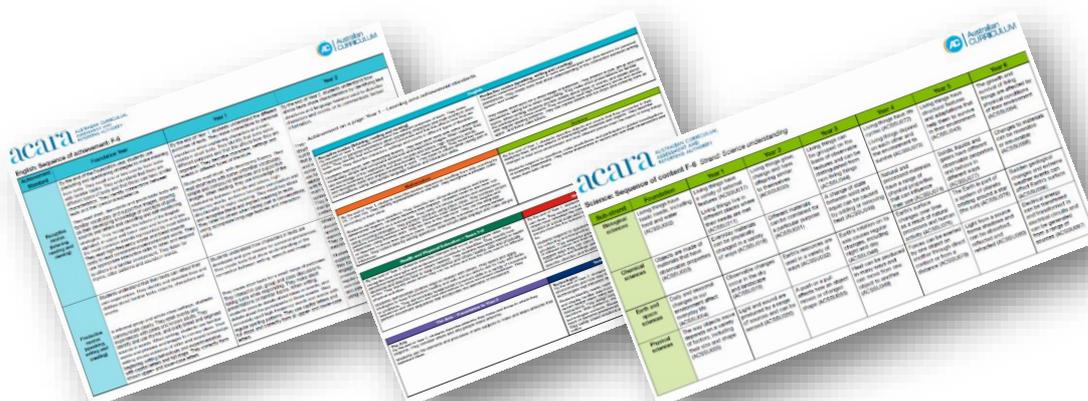
## Version 8 of the Australian Curriculum resources

ACARA has updated and improved the scope and sequence documents and created new resources for version 8 of the Australian Curriculum.

### Available now:

- sequence of content – content descriptions for a single learning area / subject for all year levels/bands (formerly scope and sequences)
- sequence of achievement – achievement standards for a single learning area / subject for all year levels/bands (this includes both subject and learning area options)
- achievement on a page – achievement standards for all learning areas / subjects for one year level on a page.

The sequence documents can be found in each learning area, achievement on a page documents in the ['Learning F-2'](#) and ['Learning 3-6'](#) sections of the Australian Curriculum website.



## Parent material

ACARA has released a new '[Parent](#)' section on the Australian Curriculum website. The section includes:

- a general overview information sheet about the Australian Curriculum
- six information sheets that describe what students typically learn in band levels at school
- frequently asked questions and answers
- links for parents to find out further information of interest about the Australian Curriculum.



*Parent information sheets*

## Work samples

Throughout 2015, ACARA continued to collect student work for work sample portfolios for The Arts, Technologies, Health and Physical Education. From June 2016, these work sample portfolios in a new format will be published on the Australian Curriculum website. New portfolios will no longer be published as PDF documents; at the same time, the format will maintain the existing features of work samples. This means that teachers will also be able to:

- compare work samples from above, below and satisfactory portfolios on the screen
- search for specific work samples.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer holiday break and look forward to keeping you updated in 2016 on all things 'primary' from ACARA. We would welcome any feedback or questions about ACARA's work – please see our contact details below.

ACARA curriculum staff are happy to discuss our projects. Contact us directly by email:

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