Year 7 standard elaborations — Australian Curriculum: Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

Purpose The standard elaborations (SEs) provide additional clarity when using the Australian Curriculum achievement standard to make judgments on a five-point scale. These can be used as a tool for:

- making consistent and comparable judgments about the evidence of learning in a folio of student work
- developing task-specific standards for individual assessment tasks.
- **Structure** The SEs are developed using the **Australian Curriculum achievement standard**. The HASS achievement standard describes the learning expected of students at each year level. Teachers use the achievement standard during and at the end of a period of teaching to make on-balance judgments about the quality of learning students demonstrate.

In Queensland the achievement standard represents the **C standard** — a sound level of knowledge and understanding of the content, and application of skills. The SEs are presented in a **matrix**. The discernible differences of quality associated with the five-point scale are highlighted to identify the characteristics of student work on which teacher judgments are made. Terms are described in the Notes section following the matrix.

Year 7 Australian Curriculum: HASS achievement standard

By the end of Year 7, students explain the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies. They suggest reasons for continuity and change over time. They describe the effects of change on societies, individuals and groups and describe events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time. They identify past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways. Students describe geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places. They explain interconnections between people and places and people and environments, describing how these interconnections change places and environments. Students identify the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems. They explain the diverse nature of Australian society, and identify the importance of shared values in contemporary Australian society. Students describe the interdependence of consumers and producers in the market and identify factors and strategies that contribute to the financial success of businesses and individuals. They identify why individuals choose to work and the various sources of income that exist. Students recognise that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues and explain how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge. Students formulate significant questions and propositions to guide investigations. They locate and collect useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources. They examine sources to determine their origin, purpose and reliability and to identify past and present values and perspectives. They interpret and analyse data to propose simple explanations for distributions, patterns, trends and relationships, and evaluate and synthesise evidence to draw conclusions. Students sequence events and developments within a chronological framework, using dating conventions to represent and measure time. They organise, categorise and represent data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions. They make informed decisions by collaborating with others to generate alternatives, comparing the potential costs and benefits of each and developing and using criteria to make a reasoned judgement. Students reflect on their learning to propose individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge, taking account of different factors and multiple perspectives, and predict the probable effects of their proposal. They present ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, citations, discipline-specific terms, conventions and concepts.

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	The folio of a student's work	has the following characteris	tics:		
Knowledge and understanding	thorough explanation of the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies	informed explanation of the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies	explanation of the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies	identification of aspects of the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies	statements about the role of groups and the significance of particular individuals in past societies
	considered suggestion of reasons for continuity and change over time	informed suggestion of reasons for continuity and change over time	suggestion of reasons for continuity and change over time	guided suggestion of reasons for continuity and change over time	directed suggestion of reasons for continuity and change over time
	 the effects of change on societies, individuals and groups events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time 	 detailed description of: the effects of change on societies, individuals and groups events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time 	 description of: the effects of change on societies, individuals and groups events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time 	 partial description of: the effects of change in societies, individuals and groups events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time 	 statements about: the effects of change in societies, individuals and groups events and developments from the perspective of people who lived at the time
	clear and considered identification of past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways	effective identification of past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways	identification of past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways	partial identification of past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways	statements about past events and developments that have been interpreted in different ways
	thorough description of geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places	detailed description of geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places	description of geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places	partial description of geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places	fragmented description of geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places

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	The folio of a student's work	has the following characterist	lics:		
Knowledge and understanding	considered explanation of interconnections between people and places and people and environments and thorough description of how these interconnections change places and environments	informed explanation of interconnections between people and places and people and environments and detailed description of how these interconnections change places and environments	explanation of interconnections between people and places and people and environments and description of how these interconnections change places and environments	explanation of <u>aspects of</u> interconnections between people and places and people and environments and <u>partial</u> description of how these interconnections change places and environment	statements about interconnections between people and places and people and the environments and statements about these interconnections change places and environment
	clear and considered identification of the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems	effective identification of the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems	identification of the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems	partial identification of the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems	statements about the ideas, values and principles that underpin the institutions and processes in Australia's political and legal systems
	 thorough explanation of the diverse nature of Australian society clear and considered identification of the importance of shared values in contemporary Australian society 	 informed explanation of the diverse nature of Australian society clear identification of the importance of shared values in contemporary Australian society 	 explanation of the diverse nature of Australian society identification of the importance of shared values in contemporary Australian society 	 partial explanation of the diverse nature of Australian society identification of <u>aspects of</u> shared values in contemporary Australian society 	 fragmented explanation of the diverse nature of Australian society statements about values in contemporary Australian society
	 thorough description of the interdependence of consumers and producers in the market clear and considered identification of factors and strategies that contribute to the financial success of businesses and individuals 	 detailed description of the interdependence of consumers and producers in the market clear identification of factors and strategies that contribute to the financial success of businesses and individuals 	 description of the interdependence of consumers and producers in the market identification of factors and strategies that contribute to the financial success of businesses and individuals 	 partial description of aspects of interdependence of consumers and producers in the market identification of aspects of factors and strategies that contribute to the financial success of businesses and individuals 	 statements about: consumers and producers in the market the financial success of businesses and individuals

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	The folio of a student's work has the following characteristics:				
Knowledge and understanding	 reasoned identification of: why individuals choose to work the various sources of income that exist 	 informed identification of: why individuals choose to work the various sources of income that exist 	 identification of: why individuals choose to work the various sources of income that exist 	 partial identification of: why individuals choose to work the various sources of income that exist 	 statements about: why individuals choose to work sources of income that exist
	 <u>considered</u> recognition that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues <u>thorough</u> explanation of how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge 	 informed recognition that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues informed explanation of how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge 	 recognition that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues explanation of how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge 	 guided recognition that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues partial explanation of how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge 	 <u>directed recognition</u> that people have different perceptions of places, events and issues <u>fragmented</u> explanation of how this and other factors influence views on how to respond to an issue or challenge
	clear and informed formulation of significant questions and propositions to guide investigations	informed formulation of significant questions and propositions to guide investigations	formulation of significant questions and propositions to guide investigations	guided formulation of questions and propositions to guide investigations	use of directed questions and propositions to guide investigations
Inquiry and skills	location and <u>considered</u> collection of useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources	location and <u>informed</u> collection of useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources	location and collection of useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources	location and partial collection of useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources	location and <u>fragmented</u> collection of useful data, information and evidence from a range of primary and secondary sources
nbul	 thorough examination of sources to: determine their origin, purpose and reliability identify past and present values and perspectives 	 informed examination of sources to: determine their origin, purpose and reliability identify past and present values and perspectives 	 examination of sources to: determine their origin, purpose and reliability identify past and present values and perspectives 	 partial examination of sources to: determine their origin, purpose and reliability identify past and present values and perspectives 	 fragmented examination of sources to: determine their origin, purpose and reliability identify past and present values and perspectives

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	The folio of a student's work	has the following characterist	tics:		
Inquiry and skills	 interpretation and analysis of data to propose thorough explanations for distributions, patterns, trends and relationships evaluation and synthesis of evidence to draw reasoned conclusions 	 interpretation and analysis of data to propose <u>informed</u> explanations for distributions, patterns, trends and relationships evaluation and synthesis of evidence to draw <u>informed</u> conclusions 	 interpretation and analysis of data to propose simple explanations for distributions, patterns, trends and relationships evaluation and synthesis of evidence to draw conclusions 	 interpretation and analysis of data to propose partial explanations for distributions, patterns, trends and relationships evaluation and synthesis of evidence to draw partial conclusions 	 make statements about distributions, patterns, trends and relationships evaluation and synthesis of evidence to draw fragmented conclusions
	purposeful sequencing of events and developments within a chronological framework, using purposeful dating conventions to represent and measure time	effective sequencing of events and developments within a chronological framework, using effective dating conventions to represent and measure time	sequencing of events and developments within a chronological framework, using dating conventions to represent and measure time	partial sequencing of events and developments within a chronological framework, using guided dating conventions to represent and measure time	fragmented sequencing of events and developments within a chronological framework, using <u>directed</u> dating conventions to represent and measure time
	clear and detailed organisation, categorisation and representation of data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions	detailed organisation, categorisation and representation of data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions	organisation, categorisation and representation of data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions	partial organisation, categorisation and representation of data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions	fragmented organisation, categorisation and representation of data in a range of appropriate formats using discipline-specific conventions
	 informed decision-making by: collaboration with others to generate plausible alternatives clear and detailed comparison of potential costs and benefits of each development and use of criteria to make a considered judgment 	 informed decision-making by: collaboration with others to generate plausible alternatives detailed comparison of potential costs and benefits of each development and use of criteria to make an informed judgment 	 informed decision-making by: collaboration with others to generate alternatives comparison of potential costs and benefits of each development and use of criteria to make a reasoned judgment 	 decision-making by: collaboration with others to generate alternatives partial comparison of potential costs and benefits of each partial development and use of criteria to make a judgment 	 decision-making by: collaboration with others to make statements about alternatives <u>fragmented</u> comparison of potential costs and benefits of each <u>fragmented</u> development and use of criteria to make a judgment

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	The folio of a student's work	has the following characteris	tics:		
d skills	 reflection on learning to propose reasoned individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge, taking account of different factors and multiple perspectives clear and considered prediction of the probable effects of their proposal 	 reflection on learning to propose plausible individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge, taking account of different factors and multiple perspectives informed prediction of the probable effects of their proposal 	 reflection on learning to propose individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge, taking account of different factors and multiple perspectives prediction of the probable effects of their proposal 	 <u>guided</u> reflection on learning to propose individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge, taking into account <u>aspects of</u> different factors and multiple perspectives <u>partial</u> prediction of the probable effects of their proposal 	 <u>directed</u> reflection on learning to propose individual and collective action in response to an issue or challenge <u>statements about</u> the probable effects of their proposal
Inquiry and	 purposeful presentation of ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms with considered incorporation of relevant: source materials citations discipline-specific terms conventions and concepts 	 informed presentation of ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate relevant: source materials citations discipline-specific terms conventions and concepts 	presentation of ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate: • source materials • citations • discipline-specific terms • conventions and concepts	 partial presentation of ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate aspects of: source materials citations discipline-specific terms conventions and concepts 	 fragmented presentation of ideas, findings, viewpoints, explanations and conclusions in a range of communication forms with fragmented use of: source materials citations discipline-specific terms conventions and concepts

Key shading emphasises the qualities that discriminate between the A-E descriptors

Notes

Australian Curriculum common dimensions

The SEs describe the qualities of achievement in the two dimensions common to all Australian Curriculum learning area achievement standards — understanding and skills.

Dimension	Description
understanding	the concepts underpinning and connecting knowledge in a learning area, related to a student's ability to appropriately select and apply knowledge to solve problems in that learning area
skills	the specific techniques, strategies and processes in a learning area

Terms used in Year 7 HASS SEs

These terms clarify the descriptors in the Year 7 HASS SEs. Definitions are drawn from the ACARA Australian Curriculum HASS glossary (www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/humanities-and-social-sciences/hass/glossary) and from other sources to ensure consistent understanding.

Term	Description
analysis; analysing; analyse	 consider in detail for the purpose of finding meaning or relationships, and identifying patterns, similarities and differences; in a HASS context, when students <i>analyse</i>, they: explore information, evidence and data to identify and interpret features, distributions, patterns, trends and relationships, key points, fact and opinion, points of view, perceptions and interpretations identify the purpose and intent of sources and determine their accuracy and reliability
aspects	particular parts or features
categorisation; categorise	to classify by labelling or giving a name to
characteristics of places	in a HASS (Geography) context, <i>characteristics of places</i> include people, climate, production, landforms, built elements of the environment, soils, vegetation, communities, water resources, cultures, mineral resources and landscape; some characteristics are tangible, for example, rivers and buildings; others are intangible, for example, scenic quality and socioeconomic status
clear	easy to perceive, understand or interpret; without ambiguity
communicating; communication; communicate	 in a HASS context, when students <i>communicate</i>, they: present ideas and findings in appropriate digital and non-digital forms for different audiences and purposes, using discipline-specific terminology sequence familiar events in order and represent familiar features of place and their location on pictorial maps and models
comparison; compare	estimate, measure or note how things are similar or dissimilar
considered	thought about deliberately with a purpose
continuity and change	are both evident in any given period of time and apply to the material and immaterial world, continuities being aspects of the past that remain(ed) the same over certain periods of time

Term	Description
conventions	in a HASS (Civics and Citizenship) context, <i>conventions</i> means unwritten rules of political procedure based on traditional, established practices that are widely accepted; Australia's political system has adopted many of the unwritten conventions of the British Westminster system; conventions may defy the Constitution — for example, the procedure for the appointment of Australia's Governor-General
data	information that is directly recorded, which can be quantitative or qualitative
description; describe	give an account of characteristics or features
detail; detailed	meticulous; including many of the parts
development; develop	economic, social and political changes that improve the wellbeing of people
directed	following the instructions of the facilitator; in a HASS context, <i>directed</i> means a student follows visual or verbal directions to support the individual actions related to the assessment
draw	to compose or create
effectively; effective	capably meets the described requirements
evaluate	examine and judge the merit or significance of something
evaluating and reflecting	 in a HASS context, when students <i>evaluate</i> and <i>reflect</i>, they: propose explanations for events, developments, issues and/or phenomena draw evidence-based conclusions and use criteria and democratic processes to make informed decisions and judgments work with others with respect and reflect on learning to suggest courses of action in response to an issue or problem and predict possible and preferred effects of actions
evidence	what can be learnt from a historical source to help construct a historical narrative
examination; examine	determine the nature of conditions of
explanation; explain	provide additional information that demonstrates understanding of reasoning and/or application
fragmented	disjointed, incomplete or isolated
geographical processes	physical and human forces that work in combination to form and transform the world, for example, erosion, hydrological (water) cycle, migration or urbanisation; geographical processes can operate within and between places
guided	visual and/or verbal prompts to facilitate or support independent action
identification; identify	establish or indicate who or what someone or something is
informed	having relevant knowledge; being conversant with the topic; in a HASS context, <i>informed</i> means referring to background knowledge and inquiry and skills
interdependence	a joint dependence between participants in an economy; that is, the reliance of consumers, workers, businesses and governments on each other; in modern economies, people tend to specialise in the production of a good or service, and trade that item for another that they could not provide or produce for themselves

Term	Description		
interpretation; interpret	in a HASS (History) context, <i>interpretation</i> means an explanation of the past, for example, about a specific person, event or development; there may be more than one interpretation of a particular aspect of the past because historians may have used different sources, asked different questions and held different points of view about the topic		
investigations; investigate	plan, collect and interpret data/information and draw conclusions about; in a HASS context, to <i>investigate</i> means to make inquiry or examination		
location; locate	to identify where something is found		
market	an exchange of goods, services or resources between buyers and sellers		
measure	to ascertain the extent of or quality		
organisation; organise	to form as or into a whole consisting of a sequence or interdependent parts		
partial	attempted; incomplete evidence provided		
perspective	 in a HASS context, <i>perspective</i> is a world view or a set of ideas or beliefs that guide actions; perspectives draw on a person's or group's age, gender experiences, cultural or religious background, ideologies and/or intellectual contexts, which influence their world view and inform their opinions, values, and actions; two types of perspective can be considered: perspectives <i>of</i> people perspectives <i>on</i> events and phenomena of the past and present 		
plausible	credible and possible		
prediction; predict	suggest what might happen in the future or as a consequence of something		
purposeful	intentional; done by design; focused and clearly linked to the goals of the task		
questioning; questions	in a HASS context, students develop <i>questions</i> about events, people, places, ideas, developments, issues and/or phenomena — before, during and after stages of inquiry — to guide their investigations, satisfy curiosity and revisit findings		
range	the scope of relevant situations or elements		
reasoned	logical and sound; presented with justification		
recognition; recognise	to be aware of or acknowledge		
relevant	having some logical connection with; applicable and pertinent		
representation; represent	in a HASS (Geography) context, <i>represent</i> means to demonstrate geographical information in a visual form, for example, a graph, map, image, field sketch or a multilayered map		
researching; research	 in a HASS context, when students <i>research</i>, they: identify and collect information, evidence and/or data from primary and secondary sources, including observations organise, sequence, sort and categorise them in a range of discipline-appropriate formats 		
respond	to react to a person or text		

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secondary sources	in a HASS (History) context, <i>secondary sources</i> are accounts about the past that were created after the time being investigated, and which often use or refer to primary sources and present a particular interpretation; examples of secondary sources include writings of historians, encyclopaedia, documentaries, history textbooks and websites; in a HASS (Geography) context, <i>secondary sources</i> are sources of information that have been collected, processed, interpreted and published by others, for example, census data, newspaper articles, and images or information in a published report
sequencing; sequence	to arrange in order
significance	pertaining to events, periods, developments, perspectives and ideas of the past, which are regarded as having important consequences, duration and relevance to the present, from the point of view of society or ordinary people when contextualised to larger events
source	any written or non-written material that can be used to investigate the past, for example, coins, photographs, letters, gravestones, buildings, transcript; source becomes evidence if it is of value to a particular inquiry
statement	a sentence or assertion
suggestions; suggest	put forward for consideration
synthesise combine elements (information/ideas/components) into a coherent who	
thorough	demonstrating depth and breadth, inclusive of relevant detail
use of	to operate or put into effect