Prep–Year 10 Science

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This resource provides a sequence of achievement standards aspects, with related content descriptions, for Prep–Year 10 Science, organised by strands and sub-strands.

By breaking each achievement standard into discrete aspects and including aligned content descriptions, the increasing complexity of the achievement standard can be seen across Prep–Year 10. This supports teachers to identify the knowledge, understanding and skills that come before and after the enrolled year level/band.

When planning teaching, learning and assessment, teachers can use this resource to:

- plan for the range of students within a single year level
- determine appropriate curriculum access points for all students
- better understand aspects of achievement standards through consideration of where they are introduced, their progression and where they conclude.

The following key has been used to assist teachers to identify the strand for each content description.

Key	Science understanding	Science as a human endeavour	Science inquiry

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Science understanding	Biological sciences	group plants and animals based on external features	identify how living things meet their needs in the places they live	No related achievement standard aspect for Year 2.	classify and compare living and non-living things and different life cycles	identify the roles of organisms in a habitat and construct food chains	explain how the form and behaviour of living things enables survival	explain how changes in physical conditions affect living things	explain how biological diversity is ordered and organised	explain the role of specialised cell structures and organelles in cellular function	explain how body systems provide a coordinated response to stimuli	explain the processes that underpin heredity and genetic diversity
									AC9S7U01	AC9S8U01	AC9S9U01	AC9S10U01
									represent flows of matter and energy in ecosystems and predict the effects of environmental changes	analyse the relationship between structure and function at organ and body system levels	describe how the processes of sexual and asexual reproduction enable survival of the species	describe the evidence supporting the theory of evolution by natural selection
		AC9SFU01	AC9S1U01		AC9S3U01	AC9S4U01	AC9S5U01	AC9S6U01	AC9S7U02	AC9S8U02	AC9S9U02	AC9S10U02
	Earth and space sciences	This aspect of the achievement standard begins in Year 1.	identify daily and seasonal changes and describe ways these changes affect their everyday life	identify celestial objects and describe patterns they observe in the sky	describe the observable properties of soils, rocks and minerals and describe their importance as resources	identify key processes in the water cycle and describe how water cycles through the environment	describe key processes that change Earth's surface	model the relationship between the sun and planets of the solar system and explain how the relative positions of Earth and the sun relate to observed phenomena on Earth	model cycles in the Earth-sun-moon system and explain the effects of these cycles on Earth phenomena	apply an understanding of the theory of plate tectonics to explain patterns of change in the geosphere	explain how interactions within and between Earth's spheres affect the carbon cycle	sequence key events in the origin and evolution of the universe and describe the supporting evidence for the big bang theory
										AC9S8U03		AC9S10U03
										explain how the properties of rocks relate to their formation and influence their use		describe trends in patterns of global climate change and identify causal factors
			AC9S1U02	AC9S2U01	AC9S3U02	AC9S4U02	AC9S5U02	AC9S6U02	AC9S7U03	AC9S8U04	AC9S9U03	AC9S10U04

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Science as a human endeavour	Physical sciences	identify factors that influence the movement of objects	describe how different pushes and pulls change the motion and shape of objects	demonstrate how different sounds can be produced and describe the effect of sound energy on objects	identify sources of heat energy and examples of heat transfer and explain changes in the temperature of objects	identify forces acting on objects and describe their effect	identify sources of light and model the transfer of light to explain observed phenomena	identify the role of circuit components in the transfer and transformation of electrical energy	represent and explain the effects of forces acting on objects	compare different forms of energy and represent transfer and transformation of energy in simple systems	analyse energy conservation in simple systems AC9S9U04 apply wave and particle models to describe energy transfer	explain how Newton's laws describe motion and apply them to predict motion of objects in a system
		AC9SFU02	AC9S1U03	AC9S2U02	AC9S3U03	AC9S4U03	AC9S5U03	AC9S6U03	AC9S7U04	AC9S8U05	AC9S9U05	AC9S10U05
	Chemical sciences	describe the observable properties of the materials that make up objects	No related achievement standard aspect for Year 1.	identify ways to change materials without changing their material composition	classify solids and liquids based on observable properties and describe how to cause a change of state	relate the uses of materials to their properties	relate the particulate arrangement of solids, liquids and gases to their observable properties	classify and compare reversible and irreversible changes to substances	use particle theory to explain the physical properties of substances AC9S7U05 develop processes that separate mixtures	classify and represent different types of matter AC9S8U06 distinguish between physical and chemical change	explain observable chemical processes in terms of changes in atomic structure, atomic rearrangement and mass	explain patterns and trends in the periodic table AC9S10U06 predict the products of reactions and the effect of changing reactant and reaction conditions
		AC9SFU03		AC9S2U03	AC9S3U04	AC9S4U04	AC9S5U04	AC9S6U04	AC9S7U06	AC9S8U07	AC9S9U06 AC9S9U07	AC9S10U07
	Nature and development of science	This aspect of the achievement standard begins in Year 3.			describe how people use data to develop explanations	explain the role of data in science inquiry	describe examples of collaboration leading to advances in science, and scientific knowledge that has changed over time	explain why science is often collaborative and describe different individuals' contributions to scientific knowledge	identify the factors that can influence development of and lead to changes in scientific knowledge	analyse how different factors influence development of and lead to changes in scientific knowledge	explain the role of publication and peer review in the development of scientific knowledge AC9S9H01 explain the relationship between science, technologies and engineering	analyse the importance of publication and peer review in the development of scientific knowledge AC9S10H01 analyse the relationship between science, technologies and engineering
					AC9S3H01	AC9S4H01	AC9S5H01	AC9S6H01	AC9S7H01 AC9S7H02	AC9S8H01 AC9S8H02	AC9S9H02	AC9S3H01
	Use and influence of science	identify examples of people using observation and questioning to learn about the natural world	describe situations where they use science in their daily lives and identify examples of people making scientific predictions	describe how people use science in their daily lives and how people use patterns to make scientific predictions	identify solutions that use scientific explanations	identify solutions based on scientific explanations and describe the needs these meet	identify examples where scientific knowledge informs the actions of individuals and communities	describe how individuals and communities use scientific knowledge	explain how scientific responses are developed and can impact society AC9S7H03	analyse the key considerations that inform scientific responses and how these responses impact society AC9S8H03	analyse the different ways in which science and society are interconnected	analyse the key factors that influence interactions between science and society

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									explain the role of science communication in shaping viewpoints, policies and regulations	analyse the importance of science communication in shaping viewpoints, policies and regulations		
		AC9SFH01	AC9S1H01	AC9S2H01	AC9S3H02	AC9S4H02	AC9S5H02	AC9S6H02	AC9S7H04	AC9S8H04	AC9S9H03 AC9S9H04	AC9S10H03 AC9S10H04
Science inquiry	Questioning and predicting	pose questions and make predictions based on their experiences	pose questions to explore observations and make predictions based on experiences	pose questions to explore observed patterns or relationships and make predictions based on experience	pose questions to explore patterns and relationships and make predictions based on observations	pose questions to identify patterns and relationships and make predictions based on observations	plan safe investigations to identify patterns and relationships and make reasoned predictions*	plan safe, repeatable investigations to identify patterns and test relationships and make reasoned predictions*	plan and conduct safe, reproducible investigations to test relationships and aspects of scientific models*	plan and conduct safe, reproducible investigations to test relationships and explore models*	plan and conduct safe, reproducible investigations to test or identify relationships and models*	plan and conduct safe, valid and reproducible investigations to test relationships or develop explanatory models*
		AC9SFI01	AC9S1I01	AC9S2I01	AC9S3I01	AC9S4I01	AC9S5I01	AC9S6I01	AC9S7I01	AC9S8I01	AC9S9I01	AC9S10I01
							*These aspects of the achievement standard also apply to the Planning and conducting sub-strand.					
	Planning and conducting	engage in investigations and make observations safely	follow safe procedures to make and record observations	suggest steps to be followed in an investigation and follow safe procedures to make and record observations	use scaffolds to plan safe investigations and fair tests	plan investigations using planning scaffolds, identify key elements of fair tests and describe how they conduct investigations safely	identify risks associated with investigations and key intercultural considerations when planning field work identify variables to be changed and measured	describe risks associated with investigations and key intercultural considerations when planning field work identify variables to be changed, measured and controlled	identify potential ethical issues and intercultural considerations required for field locations or use of secondary data	describe potential ethical issues and intercultural considerations needed for specific field locations or use of secondary data	describe how they have addressed any ethical and intercultural considerations when generating or using primary and secondary data	explain how they have addressed any ethical and intercultural considerations when generating or using primary and secondary data
					AC9S3I02	AC9S4I02	AC9S5I02	AC9S6I02	AC9S7I02	AC9S8I02	AC9S9I0	AC9S10I02
					use familiar classroom instruments to make measurements	use simple procedures to make accurate formal measurements	use equipment to generate data with appropriate precision	use equipment to generate and record data with appropriate precision	use equipment to generate and record data with precision	select and use equipment to generate and record data with precision	select and use equipment to generate and record replicable data with precision	select equipment and use it efficiently to generate and record appropriate sample sizes and replicable data with precision
		AC9SFI02	AC9S1I02 AC9S1I03	AC9S2I02 AC9S2I03	AC9S3I03	AC9S4I03	AC9S5I03	AC9S6I03	AC9S7I03	AC9S8I03	AC9S9I03	AC9S10I03
	Processing, modelling and analysing	with guidance, represent observations and identify patterns	use provided tables and organisers to sort and order data and information and, with guidance, represent patterns	use provided tables and organisers to sort and order data and represent patterns in data	organise data and information using provided scaffolds and identify patterns and relationships	construct representations to organise data and information and identify patterns and relationships	construct representations to organise data and information and describe patterns, trends and relationships	construct representations to organise and process data and information and describe patterns, trends and relationships	select and construct appropriate representations to organise data and information	select and construct appropriate representations to organise and process data and information	select and construct appropriate representations to organise, process and summarise data and information	select and construct effective representations to organise, process and summarise data and information
									AC9S7I04	AC9S8I04	AC9S9I04	AC9S10I04

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									process data and information and analyse it to describe patterns, trends and relationships	analyse data and information to describe patterns, trends and relationships and identify anomalies	analyse and connect data and information to identify and explain patterns, trends, relationships and anomalies	analyse and connect a variety of data and information to identify and explain patterns, trends, relationships and anomalies
		AC9SFI03	AC9S1I04	AC9S2I04	AC9S3I04	AC9S4I04	AC9S5I04	AC9S6I04	AC9S7I05	AC9S8I05	AC9S9I05	AC9S10I05
	Evaluating	with guidance, compare their observations with their predictions	with guidance, compare observations with predictions and identify further questions	with guidance, compare their observations with those of others, identify whether their investigation was fair and identify further questions	compare their findings with those of others, explain how they kept their investigation fair, identify further questions and draw conclusions	compare their findings with those of others, assess the fairness of their investigation, identify further questions for investigation and draw conclusions	compare their methods and findings to those of others, identify possible sources of error in their investigation, pose questions for further investigation and draw reasoned conclusions	identify possible sources of error in their own and others' methods and findings, pose questions for further investigation and select evidence to support reasoned conclusions	identify possible sources of error in methods and identify unanswered questions in conclusions and claims	identify assumptions and sources of error in methods and analyse conclusions and claims with reference to conflicting evidence and unanswered questions	analyse the impact of assumptions and sources of error in methods and evaluate the validity of conclusions and claims	evaluate the validity and reproducibility of methods, and the validity of conclusions and claims
									AC9S7I06	AC9S8I06	AC9S9I06	AC9S10I06
									identify evidence to support their conclusions and construct arguments to support or dispute claims	construct evidence-based arguments to support conclusions and evaluate claims	construct logical arguments based on evidence to support conclusions and evaluate claims	construct logical arguments based on analysis of a variety of evidence to support conclusions and evaluate claims
		AC9SFI04	AC9S1I05	AC9S2I05	AC9S3I05	AC9S4I05	AC9S5I05	AC9S6I05	AC9S7I07	AC9S8I07	AC9S9I07	AC9S10I07
	Communicating	share questions, predictions, observations and ideas about their experiences with others	use everyday vocabulary to communicate observations, findings and ideas	use everyday and scientific vocabulary to communicate observations, findings and ideas	communicate ideas and findings for an identified purpose, including using scientific vocabulary when appropriate	communicate ideas and findings for an identified audience and purpose, including using scientific vocabulary when appropriate	use language features that reflect their purpose and audience when communicating their ideas and findings	select and use language features effectively for their purpose and audience when communicating their ideas and findings	select and use language and text features appropriately for their purpose and audience when communicating their ideas and findings	select and use language and text features appropriately for their purpose when communicating their ideas, findings and arguments to specific audiences	select and use content, language and text features effectively to achieve their purpose when communicating their ideas, findings and arguments to specific audiences	select and use content, language and text features effectively to achieve their purpose when communicating their ideas, findings and arguments to diverse audiences
		AC9SFI05	AC9S1I06	AC9S2I06	AC9S3I06	AC9S4I06	AC9S5I06	AC9S6I06	AC9S7I08	AC9S8I08	AC9S9I08	AC9S10I08

* indicates achievement standards aspect relating to two or more sub-strands

More information

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