

Learning area overview

Prep–Year 10 Australian Curriculum

Work Studies

Australian Curriculum Version 8

The Australian Curriculum defines a solid foundation in knowledge, understanding, skills and values for all Australian students. This overview summarises key elements of this learning area.

Nature of Work Studies

Applied learning

Applied learning is centred around students' practical application of their own planned and guided learning in realistic contexts.

Work exposure

Work exposure relates to how students can be exposed to varied work environments in and out of the classroom to create opportunities for applied learning.

Interrelated strands and sub-strands

Strands

Skills for learning and work

Learning to learn

Work skills

Entrepreneurial behaviours

Career and life design

Career development and management

The nature of work

Gaining and keeping work

Sub-strands

Content descriptions

Content descriptions describe what is to be taught and what students are expected to learn. This learning area provides a flexible framework with core and optional content descriptions.

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Core

Core content descriptions are organised through strands and sub-strands.

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Options: At least one option per course*

Option one

School-industry cooperative project

Option two

Contemporary work challenges and opportunities

Option three

Cross-cultural enterprise

Option four

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and work

Option five

Gender and work

Option six

School-developed option

*Course: study across 9, 10, 9–10, or on a semester basis.

Achievement standards

Achievement standards for each learning area or subject describe the learning expected of students at each year level or band of years. In Work Studies, the first paragraph of the achievement standard relates to understanding and the second paragraph relates to skills. This learning area provides an achievement standard for each year.

Find out more on the QCAA Australian Curriculum web page at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/aciq>

Rationale summary

Work Studies prepare students for the changing nature of work, employer expectations, contributing to the wider community, transitions in work and life and entrepreneurial behaviours.

Aims summary

Work Studies develop knowledge, understanding and skills for lifelong learning, career management, communicating successfully and resilience across a range of changing work-related contexts.

Year-by-year curriculum

Year description

Identifies knowledge, understanding and skills specific to each year.

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