HASS – HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Australian Curriculum: HASS.

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In a world that is increasingly culturally diverse and dynamically interconnected, it is important that students come to understand their world, past and present, and develop a capacity to respond to challenges, now and in the future, in innovative, informal, personal and collective ways.

The Australian Curriculum for the Humanities and Social Sciences plays an important role in harnessing students’ curiosity and imagination about the world they live in and empowers them to actively shape their lives; make reflective, informed decisions; value their belonging in a diverse and dynamic society; and contribute to a locally, nationally, regionally and globally.

Thinking about and responding to issues requires an understanding of different perspectives; the key historical, geographical, political, economic and societal factors involved; and how these different factors interrelate. The Humanities and Social Sciences in F–6/7, which encompasses the knowledge and understandings of history, geography, civics and citizenship, and economics and business, gives students a deep understanding of the world they live in from a range of perspectives, past and present, and encourages them to develop an appreciation and respect for social, cultural and religious diversity.

The Australian Curriculum for the Humanities and Social Sciences empowers students to shape change by developing a range of skills to enable them to make informed decisions and solve problems. The subject provides students with the skills, behaviours and capabilities that will equip them to face challenges in their lifetime and to contribute to the wellbeing and sustainability of the environment, the economy and society. Through studying Humanities and Social Sciences, students are given opportunities to develop their ability to question, think critically, solve problems, communicate effectively, make decisions and adapt to change.

Through the Humanities and Social Sciences, students become well placed to contribute to Australia’s ideas of a cohesive society, sustainable environment, productive economy and stable democracy.

The F–6/7 Australian Curriculum for Humanities and Social Sciences aims to ensure that students develop:
- a sense of wonder, curiosity and respect about places, people, cultures and systems throughout the world, past and present, and an interest in and enjoyment of the study of these phenomena
- an understanding and appreciation of historical developments, geographic phenomena, civic values and economic factors that shape society, influence sustainability and create a sense of belonging
- the capacity to use inquiry methods and skills, including questioning, researching using reliable sources, analysing, evaluating and communicating
- dispositions required for effective participation in everyday life, now and in the future, including critical and creative problem-solving, informed decision making, responsible and active citizenship, enterprising financial behaviour and ethical reflection.

The Australian Curriculum: Humanities and Social Sciences may be implemented as a combined F–6 program or as an F–7 program.

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PCRSS core HASS planning documents
- ACARA Scope & Sequence documents
- C2C units

PCRSS HASS resources
- Collection of Teaching Resources for teachers and students.
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### F-10 Humanities and Social Sciences: Key ideas – Subject/sub-strand illustrations

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### Additional Key ideas – Subject/sub-strand

| How people exercise their responsibilities, participate in society and make informed decisions | The development of rights in Australia for women, children, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other groups | Strategies used to enhance the livability of places | The role of the electoral and representative systems of government | The responsibilities of employers and employees in the workplace |
| | The participation of people in human rights and environmental campaigns in Australia | World views about sustainability and environments and how they are expressed | The participation of groups in civic life, such as social, cultural, political and religious groups | How individuals and businesses plan to achieve short- and long-term financial objectives |
| | The contributions and achievements of individuals and groups to Australia’s development | The management and planning of Australia’s urban future | The importance of active and informed citizenship in decision-making and the use of democratic processes | The concept of opportunity cost as a means of making informed decisions about alternative uses of resources |
Prep

History
By the end of the Foundation year, students identify important events in their own lives. They identify how they, their families and friends know about their past and commemorate events that are important to them.

Students sequence familiar events in order. They respond to questions about their own past. Students relate a story about their past using a range of texts.

Geography
By the end of Foundation Year, students describe the features of familiar places and recognise why some places are special to people.

They recognise that places can be represented on maps and a globe and why places are important to people.

Students observe the diverse characteristics of places and represent these features and their location on pictorial maps and models. They share and compare observations in a range of texts and use everyday language to describe direction and location. Students reflect on their learning to suggest ways they can care for a familiar place.

Year 1

History
By the end of Year 1, students identify and describe important dates and changes in their own lives. They explain how aspects of daily life have changed over recent time while others have remained the same.

Students sequence personal and family events in order, using everyday terms about the passing of time. They respond to questions about the past using sources provided.

Students relate stories about life in the past, using a range of texts.

Geography
By the end of Year 1, students identify and describe the natural, managed and constructed features of places at a local scale and identify factors that influence these features.

Students identify changes in features and describe how to care for places.

Students respond to questions about familiar and unfamiliar places by locating and interpreting information from sources provided. They represent the location of different places and their features on labelled maps and present findings in a range of texts and use everyday language to describe direction and location. They reflect on their learning to suggest ways that places can be cared for.

Year 2

History
By the end of Year 2, students describe a person, site and/or event of significance in the local community. They identify how and why the lives of people have changed over time while others have remained the same.

Students sequence events in order, using a range of terms related to time. They pose questions about the past and use sources provided to answer these questions and to identify a point of view. They compare objects from the past and present. Students develop a narrative about the past using a range of texts.

Geography
By the end of Year 2, students identify the features that define places and recognise that places can be described at different scales.

Students recognise that the world can be divided into major geographical divisions. They describe how people in different places are affected by these differences and identify factors that influence these connections. They explain why places are important to people, recognising that places have meaning.

Students pose questions about familiar and unfamiliar places and answer them by locating information from observations and from sources provided. They represent data and the location of places on maps. They interpret geographical information to draw conclusions.

Students present findings in a range of texts and use simple geographical terms to describe the direction and location of places. They suggest action in response to the findings of their inquiry.

Year 3

History
By the end of Year 3, students identify individuals, events and aspects of the past that have significance in the present. They identify and describe aspects of their community that have changed and remained the same over time. They identify the importance of different celebrations and commemorations for different groups.

Students sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order. They pose questions about the past and locate and collect information from sources (written, physical, visual, oral) to answer these questions. They analyse information to identify a point of view. Students develop texts, including narrative accounts, using terms denoting time.

Geography
By the end of Year 3, students describe the location of the states and territories of Australia, the location of selected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Countries/Places and selected countries neighbouring Australia. They describe the characteristics of different places at local scales and identify and describe similarities and differences between the characteristics of these places. They identify connections between people and the characteristics of places and recognise that people have different perceptions of places.

Students pose geographical questions and locate and collect information from different sources to answer these questions. They record and represent data in tables and simple graphs and the location of places and their characteristics on labelled maps that use the spatial conventions of legend and the location convention. They describe the location of places and their features using grid references and cardinal compass points. Students interpret geographical data to identify and describe distributions and draw conclusions.

They present findings using simple geographical terminology in a range of texts. They reflect on their learning to suggest individual action in response to a geographical challenge.

Year 4

History
By the end of Year 4, students recognise the significance of events in bringing about change. They explain how and why life changed in the past and identify aspects of the past that have remained the same. They describe the experiences of an individual or group in the past.

Students sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order with reference to key dates. They develop questions about the past and locate, collect and sort information from different sources to answer these questions. They analyse sources to detect points of view. Students develop and present texts, including narrative recounts, using historical terms.

Geography
By the end of Year 4, students describe the location of selected countries using compass direction. They describe and compare the characteristics of places in different locations at local to national scales. They identify the interconnections between components of the environment and between people and the environment. Students recognise the importance of the environment and identify different places with which they are familiar.

Students develop geographical questions to investigate and locate, collect and sort information and data from different sources to answer these questions. They record and represent data and the location of places and their characteristics in simple graphic forms, including large-scale maps that use the cartographic conventions of scale, legend, title and north point. They describe the location of places and their features using grid references and compass direction. Students interpret geographical data to identify spatial distributions and simple patterns and draw conclusions. They present findings using geographical terminology in a range of texts. They propose individual action in response to a local geographical challenge and identify some possible effects of their proposed action.

Year 5

History
By the end of Year 5, students describe the significance of people and events/developments in bringing about change in the lives of particular communities and describe aspects of the past that have remained the same.

They describe the experiences of different people in the past.

Students sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order using timelines. When researching, students develop questions for an investigation. They locate, collect and organise information related to this inquiry. They analyse sources to determine their origin and purpose and to identify different viewpoints. Students develop, organise and present their texts, particularly narrative recounts and descriptions, using historical terms and concepts.

Geography
By the end of Year 5, students describe the location of selected countries in relative terms. They explain the characteristics of places in terms of their location on a local scale and identify and describe the interconnections between people and the human and environmental characteristics of places, and between components of environments.

They identify the effects of change on society. Students use geographical questions to frame an inquiry. They locate, collect and organise useful data and information from primary and secondary sources.

They describe the location of places and their characteristics using compass direction and distance. Students interpret maps, geographical data and other information to identify and describe spatial distributions, simple patterns and trends, and suggest conclusions. They present findings and ideas using geographical terminology in a range of communication forms. They propose action in response to a geographical challenge and identify the possible effects of their proposed action.

Year 6

History
By the end of Year 6 students explain the significance of an event/development, an individual or group. They identify and describe continuities and changes for different groups in the past. They describe the causes and effects of change on society. They compare the differences of different people in the past.

Students sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order and represent time by creating timelines. When researching, students develop appropriate questions to frame a historical inquiry. They identify a range of primary and secondary sources and locate, collect, organise and categorise relevant information to answer inquiry questions. They analyse information or sources for evidence to determine their origin, purpose and to identify different border, source, scale, legend, title and north point.

Students develop texts, particularly narrative recounts and descriptions. In developing these texts and organising and presenting their information, they use historical terms and concepts, and corporate relevant sources.

Geography
By the end of Year 6, students describe the location of places in selected countries in absolute and relative terms. They describe and explain the diverse characteristics of places in different locations from local to global scales. They describe the interconnections between people in different places, identify and describe the interconnections and describe how interconnections affect places and affect people.

They identify and compare different possible responses to a geographical challenge.

Students develop appropriate geographical questions to frame an inquiry. They locate, collect and organise useful data and information from primary and secondary sources.

They record and represent data and the location of places and their characteristics in different graphic forms, including large-scale and small-scale maps that use the cartographic conventions of border, scale, legend, title and north point. Students interpret maps, geographical data and other information to identify and describe spatial distributions, patterns and trends, to infer relationships and to draw conclusions. They present findings and ideas using geographical terminology and digital technologies in a range of communication forms.

They propose action in response to a geographical challenge and describe the probable effects of their proposal.
### Exploring my local community

In this unit students will investigate the following questions:
- What aspects of the past can you see today? What do they tell us?
- What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?

In this unit, students identify and explore a site of historical significance in the local community and describe what the site reveals about the past and its importance today. The content provides opportunities to develop historical understandings through the key concepts of continuity and change, perspectives, empathy and significance. It will also develop student capacity to pose questions about the past and use sources provided to answer these questions, and to use the information gathered to develop a narrative about the past.

### Investigating celebrations, commemorations and community diversity

In this unit students will investigate the following questions:
- How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?
- What is the nature of the contribution made by different groups and individuals in the community?

In this unit, students will develop an understanding of the significance of celebrations and commemorations from Australia and other places around the world. They will examine the historical origins of celebrations and commemorations and explore a range of perspectives on the historical events that we remember when we celebrate or commemorate. Students will explore the contribution made by different cultural groups to the development and character of the local community and understand the value of learning about the cultures, languages and beliefs of others. The content provides opportunities to develop historical understandings through the key concepts of sources, continuity and change, perspectives, empathy and significance.

### Comparing the past and the present

The key inquiry questions guiding this unit are: For Prep:
- What is my history and how do I know?

For Year 1:
- How has family life changed or remained the same over time?
- How can we show that the present is different from or similar to the past?
- How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?

In this unit, students will:
- investigate their own personal story, including their family background and relationships within their family
- examine family structures and appreciate that diverse family groups today have commonalities as well as differences
- consider how family structures and roles have changed over time
- identify difference and similarities between their daily lives and the childhoods of their parents, grandparents and significant older people
- examine changes in technology that have occurred over time, to develop an understanding of the impact that technology has had on people's lives.

The content provides opportunities to develop historical understandings through the key concepts of continuity and change, perspectives, significance, cause and effect and empathy.

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| In this unit students will investigate the inquiry question/s identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography:  
- What are places like?  
- What are the different features of places?  
- How can we care for places?  
- How can spaces within a place be rearranged to suit different purposes?  
- What is a place?  
The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections and scale. In this unit, students:  
- describe and represent the location and direction of features of places on pictorial maps and models  
- use maps to identify the places where people live and belong, such as their home, neighbourhood or rural area, and record the features of each place  
- collect, record and interpret data about the features of places  
- understand that the features of places can be natural, for example, a beach; managed, for example, a farm; or constructed, for example, a building  
- record geographical information to identify and describe the natural, constructed and managed features of places  
- identify how places can change and how they can be cared for  
- observe how spaces can be arranged for different activities or purposes  
- draw on representations of the world as geographical divisions, and the location of Australia  
- understand that each place has a location on the surface of the Earth, which can be expressed using direction and location of one place from another  
- represent connections between places by constructing maps and using symbols. | In this unit, students will investigate the inquiry questions identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography.  
**Prep**  
- What makes a place special?  
- How can we look after the places we live in?  
**Year 1**  
- What are the different features of places?  
- How can we care for places?  
**Year 2**  
- How are people connected to their place and other places?  
- What factors affect my connection to places?  
The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections and scale. In this unit, students:  
- draw on studies at the personal scale, including familiar places, e.g. the school, local park and local shops  
- draw on studies of local places within Australia and other places throughout the world  
- understand that what makes a ‘place’ special is dependent on how people view the place or use the place  
- describe special places and the reasons they are special to people  
- pose questions about the meaning places have for people, and ways of caring for special places  
- respond to questions to find out about the features of places, the activities that occur in places and the care of places  
- understand that weather and climate affect the visible elements or features of a place nearby or far away  
- observe the daily and seasonal weather (e.g. rainfall, temperatures, sunshine, wind, snow) of a place nearby and far away  
- examine the ways in which other cultures, including Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, describe the weather and seasons of places  
- examine geographical data and information, such as the stories of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to understand the unique connections Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Country/Place  
- use sources to identify ways that people care for special places  
- reflect on learning to suggest ways they could contribute to the care of a special place  
- collect and record geographical data and information, e.g. a survey or interview, to identify the ways people are connected to other places, and factors influencing those connections. |
### Unit 1

**What is the story of my place?**

In this unit, students will investigate the inquiry question identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography.

- What is a place?

The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections and scale.

In this unit, students:

- draw on representations of the world as geographical divisions and the location of Australia
- understand that each place has a location on the surface of the Earth, which can be expressed using direction and location of one place from another
- develop questions about places
- use a globe or maps to identify examples of places that are defined at different levels or scales, such as, personal scale (neighbourhood), local scale (town, rural area or city), regional scale, national scale or region-of-the-world scale
- use a globe, map or other geographical tool to locate and name the continents, oceans, Equator, and North and South Poles
- collect and record geographical data and information, such as observations and photographs to identify examples of how places are defined by different groups
- represent connections between places by constructing a map and using symbols
- describe the location and direction of a place.

### Unit 2

**How are people and places connected?**

In this unit, students will investigate the inquiry question/s identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography.

- How are people connected to their place and other places?

The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections, and scale. In this unit, students:

- draw on studies of local places within Australia and other places throughout the world
- understand that people are connected to their place and other places in Australia, the countries of Asia and other places across the world
- understand connections between people and places throughout the world are influenced by purpose, distance and accessibility
- pose questions to collect primary data and information about peoples’ connections to places
- collect and record geographical data and information, for example, a survey or interview, to identify the ways people are connected to other places and factors influencing those connections
- examine geographical data and information, such as the stories of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to understand the unique connections Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have to Country/Place
- respond with ideas on how to improve the connections people have to their place and other places.

### Unit 3

**What factors affect my connection to places?**

In this unit, students will investigate the inquiry question/s identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography.

- How do people's feelings about places influence their views about the protection of places?

The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections, sustainability, scale, change. In this unit, students:

- draw on studies at the local scale, including representations of Australia and the location of Australia’s neighbouring countries, understand the different climate types and their influence on the characteristics of places, and review unit inquiry questions. They will recognise that a ‘place’ is a form of bounded space with each place having a location on the surface of the Earth and that places are important to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait peoples, and how they are represented. Students will also record data and information to identify similarities and differences between the climates of different places.

Further to this, students will identify the natural and human characteristics of places in Australia and Australia’s neighbouring countries using sources such as photographs maps and the internet; interpret representations of places, for example, through a globe, wall or atlas map, or digital application; and recognise their purpose. They will use the information provided to represent the location of places and their characteristics using labelled maps conforming to cartographic conventions, including legend, title and north point. They will identify and describe similarities and differences in characteristics of places within Australia, and between Australia and its neighbouring countries.
### Exploring environments and places

In this unit students will investigate the inquiry question identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography:
- How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
- The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections, change, sustainability, and scale.

In this unit, students build on their mental map of the world and their understanding of place with a focus on Africa and South America. Students investigate the types of natural vegetation and native animals on both these continents. Students learn to identify and describe the relative location of places at a national scale and to complete maps using cartographic conventions. The interconnections between people and environment are examined by exploring the importance of environments to animals and people and how places are characterised by their environments. Students will identify and compare the characteristics of places, including the types of natural vegetation and native animals. Students will interpret geographical information and data to identify different views on how the environments should be protected, and form conclusions.

### Exploring how people and places affect one another

Students will investigate the inquiry question identified from the Australian Curriculum Geography:
- How do people and environments influence one another?
- The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, interconnections, change, sustainability, and scale.

In this unit, students extend their mental map of the world with a focus on Europe and North America. Students learn to identify and describe the relative location of places at a national scale and to complete maps using cartographic conventions. The concept of place is further developed by exploring the human and environmental factors that influence the characteristics of places. The interconnections between people and environments are examined through climate and landforms. Students learn how climate and landforms influence the human characteristics of places and how human actions influence the environmental characteristics of places. They will represent and interpret data to identify simple patterns, trends, spatial distribution, infer relationships and draw conclusions. The impact of human actions on the environmental characteristics of places in two countries in Europe and North America is further explored through a focus on examples and a case study.

### Exploring a diverse world

In this unit students will investigate the inquiry question identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography:
- How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?
- The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, space, environment, change, and scale.

In this unit, students take a global view of geography and build their understanding of the concepts for geographic understanding of place and space and interconnections. Students learn about the location of major countries in Asia, particularly the sub-regions of North-east Asia and South-east Asia and the differences in economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries in these sub-regions and global trends. Data is interpreted for trends and patterns. Data analysis focuses on the diversity of the Asia region and comparisons between phenomena. Students learn about the world’s cultural diversity, including that of its Indigenous peoples and reflect on the cultural differences and similarities and the meaning and significance of intercultural understanding.

### Exploring Australia’s connections with other countries

In this unit, students will investigate the inquiry questions identified from the Australian Curriculum: Geography:
- What are Australia’s global connections between people and places?
- How do people’s connections to places affect their perception of them?

The content provides opportunities to develop the following concepts for geographical understandings: place, environment, interconnections, sustainability, scale, change. In this unit, students:
- draw on studies at different scales, including Australia, major countries of Asia, or a region within Asia
- learn about the characteristics of places are affected by global and local influences, and become increasingly connected at the same scale and across scales
- develop an inquiry question about the ways people in their local community are connected to Asia or a selected country within Asia, and plan an inquiry guided by this question
- collect and record relevant geographical data and information from primary and secondary sources, on significant events that connect people and places throughout the world and the various connections Australia has with Asia or a selected country within Asia
- make connections between phenomena and the way people live and are influenced by these connections