

Chapel Hill State School

HASS Curriculum and Assessment Yearly Overview 2025 YEAR 6



Curriculum Intent

Year Level Description

Australia in the past and present and its connections with a diverse world

The Year 6 curriculum focuses on the social, economic and political development of Australia as a nation, particularly after 1900, and Australia's role within a diverse and interconnected world today. Students explore the events and developments that shaped Australia as a democratic nation and stable economy, and the experiences of the diverse groups who have contributed to and are/were affected by these events and developments, past and present. Students investigate the importance of rights and responsibilities and informed decision-making, at the personal level of consumption and civic participation, and at the national level through studies of economic, ecological and government processes and systems. In particular, students examine Asia's natural, demographic and cultural diversity, with opportunities to understand their connections to Asian environments. These studies enable students to understand how they are interconnected with diverse people and places across the globe.

The content at this year level is organised into two strands: knowledge and understanding, and inquiry and skills. The knowledge and understanding strand draws from four sub-strands: history, geography, civics and citizenship and economics and business. These strands (knowledge and understanding, and inquiry and skills) are interrelated and have been developed to be taught in an integrated way, which may include integrating with content from the sub-strands and from other learning areas, and in ways that are appropriate to specific local contexts. The order and detail in which they are taught are programming decisions.

A framework for developing students' knowledge, understanding and skills is provided by inquiry questions. The following inquiry questions allow for connections to be made across the sub-strands and may be used or adapted to suit local contexts: inquiry questions are also provided for each sub-strand that may enable connections within the humanities and social sciences learning area or across other learning areas.

- How have key figures, events and values shaped Australian society, its system of government and citizenship?
- How have experiences of democracy and citizenship differed between groups over time and place, including those from and in Asia?
- How has Australia developed as a society with global connections, and what is my role as a global citizen?

Achievement Standards

Spiral Progression and Alignment

Developing the same concepts from one grade level to the next in increasing complexity and application.

YEAR 5

By the end of Year 5, students describe the significance of people and events/developments in bringing about change. They identify the causes and effects of change on particular communities and describe aspects of the past that have remained the same. They describe the experiences of different people in the past. Students explain the characteristics of places in different locations at local to national scales. They 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 these interconnections on the characteristics of places and environments. Students identify the importance of values and processes to Australia's democracy and describe the roles of different people in Australia's legal system. They recognise that choices need to be made when allocating resources. They describe factors that influence their choices as consumers and identify strategies that can be used to inform these choices. They describe different views on how to respond to an issue or challenge.

Students develop questions for an investigation. They locate and collect data and information from a range of sources to answer inquiry questions. They examine sources to determine their purpose and to identify different viewpoints. They interpret data to identify and describe distributions, simple patterns and trends, and to infer relationships, and suggest conclusions based on evidence. Students sequence information about events, the lives of individuals and selected phenomena in chronological order using timelines. They sort, record and represent data in different formats, including large-scale and small-scale maps, using basic conventions. They work with others to generate alternative responses to an issue or challenge and reflect on their learning to independently propose action, describing the possible effects of their proposed action. They present their ideas, findings and conclusions in a range of communication forms using discipline-specific terms and appropriate conventions.

YEAR 6

By the end of Year 6, students explain the significance of an event/development, an individual and/or group. They identify and describe continuities and changes for different groups in the past and present. They describe the causes and effects of change on society. They compare the experiences of different people in the past. Students describe, compare and explain the diverse characteristics of different places in different locations from local to global scales. They describe how people, places, communities and environments are diverse and globally interconnected and identify the effects of these interconnections over time. Students explain the importance of people, institutions and processes to Australia's democracy and legal system. They describe the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens and the obligations they may have as global citizens. Students recognise why choices about the allocation of resources involve trade-offs. They explain why it is important to be informed when making consumer and financial decisions. They identify the purpose of business and recognise the different ways that businesses choose to provide goods and services. They explain different views on how to respond to an issue or challenge.

Students develop appropriate questions to frame an investigation. They locate and collect useful data and information from primary and secondary sources. They examine sources to determine their origin and purpose and to identify different perspectives in the past and present. They interpret data to identify, describe and compare distributions, patterns and trends, and to infer relationships, and evaluate evidence to draw conclusions. Students sequence information about events, the lives of individuals and selected phenomena in chronological order and represent time by creating timelines. They organise and represent data in a range of formats, including large- and small-scale maps, using appropriate conventions. They collaboratively generate alternative responses to an issue, use criteria to make decisions and identify the advantages and disadvantages of preferring one decision over others. They reflect on their learning to propose action in response to an issue or challenge and describe the probable effects of their proposal. They present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, mapping, graphing, communication conventions and discipline-specific terms.

EΛD 7

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.

Year 6		HASS Curriculum and Assessment Overview	Chapel Hill State School
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Unit 3 v8	Unit 2 v8	Unit 1 v8	Unit 5 v8
Australia in a Diverse World	Australians as Global Citizens	Australia in the Past	Making Decisions to Benefit my Community
Inquiry questions: How do places, people and cultures differ across the world? In this unit, students: examine the geographical diversity of the Asia region and the location of its major countries in relation to Australia investigate differences in the economic, demographic and social characteristics of countries across the world consider the world's cultural diversity, including that of its indigenous peoples identify Australia's connections with other countries organise and represent data in large- and small scale maps using appropriate conventions interpret data to identify, describe and compare distributions, patterns and trends in the diverse characteristics of places present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, mapping,	Inquiry questions: What does it mean to be an Australian citizen? How have experiences of democracy and citizenship differed between groups over time and place, including those from and in Asia? In this unit, students: • recognise the responsibilities of electors and representatives in Australia's democracy • consider the shared values, right and responsibilities of Australian citizenship and obligations that people may have as global citizens • identify different points of view and solutions to an issue • generate alternative responses to an issue, use criteria to make decisions and identify the advantages and disadvantages of preferring one decision over others • examine continuities and changes in the experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship, including the status and rights of Aboriginal and Torres	Inquiry questions: How have key figures, events and values shaped Australian society, its system of government and citizenship? In this unit, students: examine the key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution recognise the contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society since Federation investigate the key institutions, people and processes of Australia's democratic and legal system locate, collect and interpret information from primary sources sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials.	Inquiry questions: How can resources be used to benefit individuals, the community and the environment? In this unit, students: investigate a familiar community or regional economics or business issue that may affect the individual or the local community examine how the concept of opportunity cost involves choices about the alternative use of resources and the need to consider trade-offs identify the effect that consumer and financial decisions can have on the individual, the broader community and the environment recognise the reasons businesses exist and the different ways they provide goods and services present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, communication conventions and discipline specific terms.
		Assessment	
Assessment task To demonstrate an understanding of the diversity of places by representing and interpreting data and information in a variety of forms. The assessment will gather evidence of the student's ability to: • describe, compare and explain the diverse characteristics of different places in different locations from local to global scales • describe how people, places, communities and environments are diverse • interpret data to identify, describe and compare distributions, patterns and trends, and to infer relationships, and evaluate evidence to draw conclusions • organise and represent data in a range of formats, including large- and small-scale maps, using appropriate conventions • present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, mapping, communication conventions and discipline-specific terms	Assessment task To investigate the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens today, and the experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship for different groups in the past. The assessment will gather evidence of the student's ability to: • identify and describe continuities and changes for different groups in the past • compare the experiences of different people in the past • describe the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizens and the obligations they may have as global citizens • explain different views on how to respond to an issue or challenge • generate alternative responses to an issue, use criteria to make decisions and identify the advantages and disadvantages of preferring one decision over others • present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, communication conventions and discipline-specific terms.	Assessment task - Educational Research Project (ERP) To explain the significance of key people, events, institutions and processes to the development of the Australian nation. The assessment will gather evidence of the student's ability to: • explain the significance of Federation and the contribution of individuals towards Federation • explain the causes and effects of Federation on Australian society • explain the importance of people, institutions and processes to Australia's democracy and legal system • locate and collect useful data and information from primary and secondary sources • examine sources to determine their origin and purpose and to identify different perspectives in the past • sequence information about events, the lives of individuals and selected phenomena in chronological order present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials, communication conventions and discipline-specific terms.	Assessment task To explain ways that resources can be used to benefit individuals, the community and the environment. The assessment will gather evidence of the student's ability to: • recognise why choices about the allocation of resources involve trade-offs • explain why it is important to be informed when making consumer and financial decisions • identify the purpose of business and recognise the different ways that businesses choose to provide goods and services • present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate communication conventions and discipline-specific terms.

Achievement Standard - Elements Assessed

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