



Personal and social capability continuum

GENERAL CAPABILITIES AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Organising elements	Level 1a	Level 1 b At the end of Foundation Year students:	Level 2 At the end of Year 2 students:	Level 3 At the end of Year 4 students:	Level 4 At the end of Year 6, students:	Level 5 At the end of Year 8, students:	Level 6 At the end of Year 10, students:	
Self-awareness	Recognise Emotions	recognise and identify their own emotions	identify a range of emotions and describe situations that may evoke these emotions	compare their emotional responses with those of their peers	describe the influence that people, situations and events have on their emotions	explain how the appropriateness of emotional responses influences behaviour	examine influences on and consequences of their emotional responses in learning, social and work-related contexts	reflect critically on their emotional responses to challenging situations in a wide range of learning, social and work-related contexts
	Recognise personal qualities and achievements	express a personal preference	identify their likes and dislikes, needs and wants, and explore what influences these	identify and describe personal interests, skills and achievements and explain how these contribute to family and school life	describe personal strengths and challenges and identify skills they wish to develop	describe the influence that personal qualities and strengths have on their learning outcomes	make a realistic assessment of their abilities and achievements, and prioritise areas for improvement	assess their strengths and challenges and devise personally appropriate strategies to achieve future success
	Understand themselves as learners	select tasks they can do in different learning contexts	identify their abilities, talents and interests as learners	discuss their strengths and weaknesses as learners and identify some learning strategies to assist them	identify and describe factors and strategies that assist their learning	identify preferred learning styles and work habits	identify and choose a range of learning strategies appropriate to specific tasks and describe work practices that assist their learning	evaluate the effectiveness of commonly used learning strategies and work practices and refine these as required
	Develop reflective practice	recognise and identify participation in or completion of a task	reflect on their feelings as learners and how their efforts affect skills and achievements	reflect on what they have learnt about themselves from a range of experiences at home and school	reflect on personal strengths and achievements, based on self-assessment strategies and teacher feedback	monitor their progress, seeking and responding to feedback from teachers to assist them in consolidating strengths, addressing weaknesses and fulfilling their potential	predict the outcomes of personal and academic challenges by drawing on previous problem-solving and decision-making strategies and feedback from peers and teachers	reflect on feedback from peers, teachers and other adults, to analyse personal characteristics and skill sets that contribute to or limit their personal and social capability
Self-management	Express emotions appropriately	recognise and identify how their emotions influence the way they feel and act	express their emotions constructively in interactions with others	describe ways to express emotions to show awareness of the feelings and needs of others	identify and describe strategies to manage and moderate emotions in increasingly unfamiliar situations	explain the influence of emotions on behaviour, learning and relationships	forecast the consequences of expressing emotions inappropriately and devise measures to regulate behaviour	consider control and justify their emotional responses, in expressing their opinions, beliefs, values, questions and choices
	Develop self-discipline and set goals	make a choice to participate in a class activity	follow class routines to assist learning	set goals in learning and personal organisation by completing tasks within a given time	explain the value of self-discipline and goal-setting in helping them to learn	analyse factors that influence ability to self-regulate; devise and apply strategies to monitor own behaviour and set realistic learning goals	select, use and analyse strategies that assist in regulating behaviour and achieving personal and learning goals	critically analyse self-discipline strategies and personal goals and consider their application in social and work-related contexts
	Work independently and show initiative	attempt tasks with support or prompting	attempt tasks independently and identify when and from whom help can be sought	work independently on routine tasks and experiment with strategies to complete other tasks where appropriate	consider, select and adopt a range of strategies for working independently and taking initiative	assess the value of working independently, and taking initiative to do so where appropriate	critique their effectiveness in working independently by identifying enablers and barriers to achieving goals	establish personal priorities, manage resources effectively and demonstrate initiative to achieve personal goals and learning outcomes
	Become confident, resilient and adaptable	identify people and situations with which they feel a sense of familiarity or belonging	identify situations that feel safe or unsafe, approaching new situations with confidence	undertake and persist with short tasks, within the limits of personal safety	persist with tasks when faced with challenges and adapt their approach where first attempts are not successful	devise strategies and formulate plans to assist in the completion of challenging tasks and the maintenance of personal safety	assess, adapt and modify personal and safety strategies and plans, and revisit tasks with renewed confidence	evaluate, rethink and refine approaches to tasks to take account of unexpected or difficult situations and safety considerations
Social awareness	Appreciate diverse perspectives	show an awareness for the feelings, needs and interests of others	acknowledge that people hold many points of view	describe similarities and differences in points of view between themselves and people in their communities	discuss the value of diverse perspectives and describe a point of view that is different from their own	explain how means of communication differ within and between communities and identify the role these play in helping or hindering understanding of others	acknowledge the values, opinions and attitudes of different groups within society and compare to their own points of view	articulate their personal value system and analyse the effects of actions that repress social power and limit the expression of diverse views
	Contribute to civil society	respond to the feelings, needs and interests of others	describe ways they can help at home and school	describe how they contribute to their homes, classrooms and local communities, and how others care for and assist them	identify the various communities to which they belong and what they can do to make a difference	identify a community need or problem and consider ways to take action to address it	analyse personal and social roles and responsibilities in planning and implementing ways of contributing to their communities	plan, implement and evaluate ways of contributing to civil society at local, national regional and global levels
	Understand relationships		explore relationships through play and group experiences	identify ways to care for others, including ways of making and keeping friends	describe factors that contribute to positive relationships, including with people at school and in their community	identify the differences between positive and negative relationships and ways of managing these	identify indicators of possible problems in relationships in a range of social and work related situations	explain how relationships differ between peers, parents, teachers and other adults, and identify the skills needed to manage different types of relationships
Social management	Communicate effectively		identify positive ways to initiate, join and interrupt conversations with adults and peers	discuss the use of verbal and nonverbal communication skills to respond appropriately to adults and peers	identify communication skills that enhance relationships for particular groups and purposes	identify and explain factors that influence effective communication in a variety of situations	analyse enablers of and barriers to effective verbal, nonverbal and digital communication	formulate plans for effective communication (verbal, nonverbal, digital) to complete complex tasks
	Work collaboratively		share experiences of cooperation in play and group activities	identify cooperative behaviours in a range of group activities	describe characteristics of cooperative behaviour and identify evidence of these in group activities	contribute to groups and teams, suggesting improvements in methods used for group investigations and projects	assess the extent to which individual roles and responsibilities enhance group cohesion and the achievement of personal and group objectives	critique their ability to devise and enact strategies for working in diverse teams, drawing on the skills and contributions of team members to complete complex tasks
	Make decisions		identify options when making decisions to meet their needs and the needs of others	practise individual and group decision making in situations such as class meetings and when working in pairs and small groups	contribute to and predict the consequences of group decisions in a range of situations	identify factors that influence decision making and consider the usefulness of these in making their own decisions	assess the extent to which individual roles and responsibilities enhance group cohesion and the achievement of personal and group objectives	critique their ability to devise and enact strategies for working in diverse teams, drawing on the skills and contributions of team members to complete complex tasks
	Negotiate and resolve conflict		listen to others' ideas, and recognise that others may see things differently from them	practise solving simple interpersonal problems, recognising there are many ways to solve conflict	identify a range of conflict resolution strategies to negotiate positive outcomes to problems	identify causes and effects of conflict, and practise different strategies to diffuse or resolve conflict situations	assess the appropriateness of various conflict resolution strategies in a range of social and work-related situations	generate, apply and evaluate strategies such as active listening, mediation and negotiation to prevent and resolve interpersonal problems and conflicts
	Develop leadership skills		identify ways to take responsibility for familiar tasks at home and school	discuss ways in which they can take responsibility for their own actions	discuss the concept of leadership and identify situations where it is appropriate to adopt this role	initiate or help to organise group activities that address a common need	plan school and community projects, applying effective problem-solving and team-building strategies, and making the most of available resources to achieve goals	propose, implement and monitor strategies to address needs prioritised at local, national, regional and global levels, and communicate these widely