Core and Carrier Subjects: Civics and Citizenship Education

History

How did democratic and human rights develop? What key historical events have shaped the development of Australian society? Multiple perspectives and critical thinking. Concepts through time e.g. power and protest. Historical significance - dialogue between the past and the present.

Geography

What should be the balance between economic development and environmental protection? Deep understanding of sustainability and place and its connection to current affairs. Interdependence, intercultural understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity. The world as a global community.

English

Argument, debate, persuasion and advocacy. Critical readings of the media. Freedom of speech and youth voice. Articulation of rights. Literature as a context for citizenship ideas and values.

Health and Physical Education

Sport as a forum for participation, consideration of fairness and nexus of community identity. How HPE contributes to the education of 'healthy, safe and active citizens' What should society do about obesity, inclusion in sport, drugs and alcohol?

Civics and Citizenship: The essential core

Government and democracy; key issues of rights and responsibilities (including human rights); Criminal and civil law/laws and citizens; Identity, diversity and anti-racism; Community involvement and the role of voluntary organizations and NGOs; Political literacy (including voting, current affairs and engagement in active citizenship); Citizenship and Australia's first peoples; Citizenship and education for sustainability; Global citizenship.

Science

Ethical issues in Science e.g.Use of animals in research; vaccination; cloning; organ donation; GM crops. Social consequences of Science. Issues around Science and the environment e.g. greenhouse gases, carbon in the atmosphere, climate change

Others

Maths

Languages

Drama

Design and Technologies

Enterprise and Work-related learning

Sociology

ICT/Digital literacy

ICT as a context for information-based activities supporting research skills and critical literacy. ICT and advocacy - presentation and websites.ICT and citizenship-related data and statistics. Societal implications of new developments in ICT.