

VC Civics and Citizenship

EP Curriculum Map

Government and Democracy

Levels 7-8

Content Descriptor	Lesson Names
Describe key features of government under the Australian Constitution, including the separation of powers, the Executive, the role of the Houses of Parliament, and the division of powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Democracy in Australia ● The Australian Constitution ● Separation of Powers ● Division of Powers ● The Legislature ● The Executive ● The Judiciary ● Ministers and the Opposition
Discuss the freedoms that enable active participation in Australia's democracy within the bounds of law, including freedom of speech, association, assembly, religion and movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Democracy in Australia ● Democratic Freedoms ● Dissent in a Democracy ● Conflicts of Rights and Freedoms
Explain how citizens can participate in Australia's democracy, including the use of the electoral system, contact with their elected representatives, use of lobby groups, interest groups and direct action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lobby and Pressure Groups ● Elected Representatives ● Taking Direct Action ● Opinion Polls ● Case Studies in Australian Democracy (Marriage Amendment Bill 2017) ● Case Studies in Australian Democracy (Offshore Detention) ● Professional Participation in Democracy ● Enrolment and the Australian Electoral Commission
The process for constitutional change through a referendum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Constitutional Referendums ● The 1967 Referendum ● Advantages and Disadvantages of Referendums

Levels 9-10

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Discuss the role of political parties and independent representatives in Australia's system of government, including the formation of governments, and explain the process through which government policy is shaped and developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the Australian Government • Australian Federal Elections • The Houses of Parliament • The Contemporary Political Party System • How Governments are Formed • Government Policy
Explain the values and key features of Australia's system of government compared with at least one other system of government in the Asia region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development planned
Analyse how citizens' political choices are shaped, including the influence of the media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to Influence Political Choice • Social Media and Politics
Explain the Australian government's roles and responsibilities at a global level, including provision of foreign aid, peacekeeping and the United Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further development planned

Laws and Citizens

Level 7

Content Descriptor	Lesson Names
Explain how Australia's legal system aims to provide justice, including through the rule of law, presumption of innocence, burden of proof, right to a fair trial and right to legal representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation of the Judicial System • The Rule of Law • Elements of a Fair Trial • Access to Justice and Legal Representation

Levels 8-10

- Planned for further development



Citizenship, Diversity and Identity

Levels 7-8

Content Descriptor	Lesson Names
Describe how Australia is a secular nation and a multi-faith society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia as a Secular and Multi-Faith Society• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Religions and Spiritualities
Identify how values can promote cohesion within Australian society, including the values of freedom, respect, inclusion, civility, responsibility, compassion, equality and a 'fair go'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Values and Human Rights
Explain how groups express their identities, including religious and cultural identity, and how this expression can influence their perceptions of others and others' perception of them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stereotypes and Cultural Identities• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Identities• Interactions Between Australia and Asia• Expressing Culture, Identity and Religion in Australia
Examine how national identity can shape a sense of belonging and examine different perspectives about Australia's national identity, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further development planned

Levels 9-10

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