

Information for education authorities

As plans to implement the Australian Curriculum are developed, both government and non-government education authorities will be keen to leverage existing investment in computer equipment, technical infrastructure and digital resources to support effective delivery of the Australian Curriculum in classrooms. There will be a pressing need for teachers to have ready access to a vast range of digital learning resources that enable them to teach each key learning area.

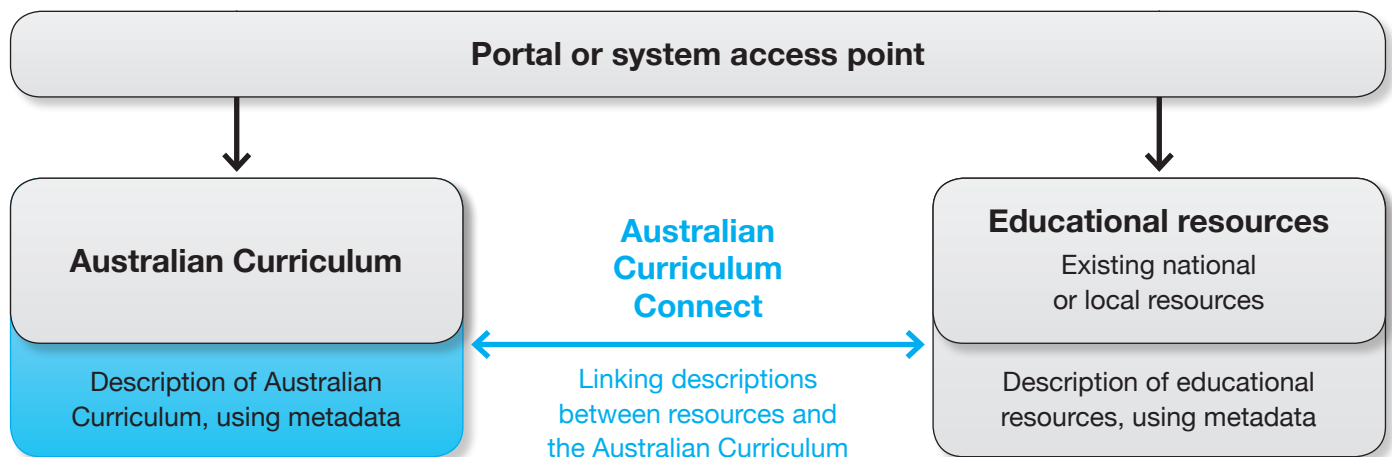
Australian Curriculum Connect is intended to help meet the challenges ahead.

Australian Curriculum Connect is a project to develop a technical approach to assist with implementing the Australian Curriculum.

Funded under the Australian Government's Digital Education Revolution initiative, the project seeks to create a technical framework for sharing, discovery and use of content in different eLearning environments. It is **not** a new national website, product or solution that mandates a particular approach. Australian Curriculum Connect will have flexibility built in to enable education authorities to use it in a way that best suits their jurisdiction or school system, should they choose to do so.

Australian Curriculum Connect will use a data locating and transmission technology to locate digital resources from a variety of sources and make them discoverable against the Australian Curriculum.

Australian Curriculum Connect: connecting curriculum, resources and users



In summary...

Australian Curriculum Connect involves the development and trialling of, and implementation support for, tools and technologies to support curriculum based learning. Benefits of the project include:

- advancing curriculum-driven discovery of learning resources;
- assisting implementation of the Australian Curriculum in all states and territories;
- delivering improved search results and ranking
- enabling improved access to shared learning resources;
- flexible implementation with tools and technologies available through local portals, Virtual Learning Environments or Scootle; and
- providing funding and technical support for integration projects.

Implementing the Australian Curriculum Connect project

The Australian Curriculum Connect project is being conducted in two distinct phases.

The first phase, undertaken in 2010, saw the piloting of the methodology using the draft Australian Curriculum with particular focus on:

- trialling the data locating and transmission technology;
- linking with related resources from the National Digital Learning Resources Network (NDLRN) (years 5 and 9 Maths);
- trialling integration in one jurisdiction's eLearning environment (Queensland's Learning Place); and,
- trialling with content shared from a variety of sources.

Findings from the pilot are informing the planning of the 'integration' phase in 2011. The Australian Curriculum Connect project is underpinned by a commitment to deliver flexible solutions that work for each government and non-government education authority.

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