

Teacher Guidelines – Year 6

Assessment Portfolio: Building our ideal community

Assessment Description

The assessment that has been developed for this resource is drawn from activities in the resource itself. Activities from each topic have been identified to form a portfolio of work. Each activity enables teachers to gather evidence of student performance in relation to aspects of the Australian Curriculum v.9 achievement standards for English, Mathematics, HASS and HPE. Teachers can select activities and related assessment items that best suit their student and programming needs. The unit of work was developed using the Backwards design process as detailed below.

The Stage 1: Desired results

Achievement standard
English
<p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• interact with others, and listen to and create spoken and/or multimodal texts• for particular purposes and audiences, share, develop, explain and elaborate on ideas from topics or texts• use and vary text structures to organise, develop and link ideas• use and vary language features including topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or multimodal features and features of voice• view and comprehend texts created to inform, influence and/or engage audiences• explain how language features including literary devices, and visual features influence audiences• create written and/or multimodal texts, including literary texts, for particular purposes and audiences, developing, explaining and elaborating on relevant ideas from topics or texts• use text structures and vary paragraphs to organise, develop and link ideas• use and vary language features including sentence structures, topic-specific vocabulary and literary devices, and/or multimodal features• spell using phonic, morphemic and grammatical knowledge
Mathematics
<p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use integers to represent points in the Cartesian plane• order common fractions• solve problems involving finding a fraction, decimal or percentage of a quantity• use mathematical modelling to solve financial and other practical problems involving percentages and rational numbers, formulating and solving the problem, and justifying choices• locate an ordered pair in any one of the 4 quadrants on the Cartesian plane• compare distributions of discrete numerical and ordinal categorical data sets as part of their statistical investigations, using digital tools

HASS

Students:

- explain responsibilities of Australia's levels of government, and democratic values and beliefs
- explain strategies for informed financial choices
- develop questions, and locate, collect and organise information and data from a range of primary and secondary sources
- evaluate a range of information and data formats to identify and describe patterns, trends or inferred relationships
- evaluate evidence to draw conclusions
- propose actions or responses and use criteria to assess the possible effects
- select and organise ideas and findings from sources, and use a range of relevant terms and conventions, to present descriptions and explanations

Health and Physical Education

Students:

- propose strategies to demonstrate respect, empathy and inclusion
- analyse information to refine strategies to enhance their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing
- propose strategies to promote physical activity participation that enhance health, fitness and wellbeing

Source: ACARA, The Australian Curriculum v.9, <https://v9.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

Transfer

Students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- understand and enact the values, civic rights and responsibilities at the heart of a democratic society
- demonstrate respect for others and their rights and act in ways that promote inclusion
- reflect on the values which underpin Australian communities
- value the contribution that individuals make to their communities through volunteering and paying taxes
- set short and long-term savings goals and make informed financial decisions
- work collaboratively to problem solve issues and draw conclusions
- appreciate the importance of physical activity and the environment in connecting community members

Meaning

Students will understand that:

- all Australians have rights and responsibilities
- the government protects our rights and responsibilities
- taxation is used to pay for goods and services that benefit all Australians
- all Australians contribute to taxation through their income and/or what they buy
- there are different taxation models that are used to ensure the system is fair
- saving requires planning and making informed choices
- superannuation plays a role in meeting future needs and wants

Essential Questions

- What is democracy?
- What values underpin Australian communities?
- What are our rights and responsibilities?
- What is the role of government in my community?
- What is fair?
- How is our taxation system fair?
- Where does taxation go?
- What is the difference between short-term and long-term goals?
- Why should I set saving goals?
- What is superannuation?
- What do I think makes an ideal community?

Acquisition

Students will know:	Students will be skilled at:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the rights, responsibilities and values which exist in a democratic system• the organisations that lend a helping hand in their community• taxation is a system• the difference between resources and services and distinguish between those that are public and those that are private• equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages• three different taxation models• where the government allocates taxation• the difference between short-term and long-term goals• the costs and opportunities of savings• the purpose of superannuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• reflecting on their role in the community• identifying goods, services and business• using mathematical language to describe fair• calculating equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages• proposing and evaluating solutions• using mathematical reasoning to solve real-world problems• constructing and interpreting graphical representations• designing and explaining simple budgets• creating scaled maps• using efficient mental and written mathematical strategies• making informed decisions• setting short and long-term goals• working collaboratively• planning, rehearsing and delivering presentations• composing persuasive texts



Stage 2: Assessment Evidence

Topic	Activity	Product
Topic 1: Community rights and responsibilities	Activity 3: What is a democracy – Video stimulus Activity 4: Rights and responsibilities – Sorting game Activity 7: Creating our ideal community – Group planning	<p>Graphic organisers: Students complete the provided graphic organiser individually while viewing the video ‘What is democracy’ and collaboratively use a Venn diagram to sort rights and responsibilities</p> <p>Personal response: Students explain the importance of each value of Australia’s democracy and select three rights and phrase them as personal responsibilities</p> <p>Community planning template part 1: Students collaboratively research and decide on their ideal community’s profile and the rights and responsibilities of citizens and individually explain how and why their community values diversity</p>
Topic 2: Community support	Activity 2: Helping hands in the community – Visual stimulus Activity 5: Public versus private - Classifying Activity 6: Creating our ideal community – Group planning	<p>Helping hands template: Students consider ways they can contribute to their communities and reflect on the difference these actions may make</p> <p>Annotated map: Students identify public and private resources in their local community on a map</p> <p>Written explanation: Students select public resources/services in their ideal community that support physical activity and connecting to the environment and explain how these services or resources contribute to community wellbeing</p>
Topic 3: Collecting tax fairly	Activity 2: Unequal contribution – Modelling Activity 3: Fair contribution – Problem solving Activity 4: Tax models – Worksheet and discussion Activity 5: Creating our ideal community – Group planning	<p>Representing fractions, decimals and percentages worksheet: Students represent the same number in different ways and locate these on a number line</p> <p>Group solution: Students collaboratively work out a fair solution for tax contributions</p> <p>Tax models worksheet: Students apply different tax models to calculate the amount of tax payable</p> <p>Community planning template part 3: Students individually decide on the tax models their community should use and justify their choice</p>
Topic 4: Responsible government spending	Activity 3: Social security and welfare – The distribution game Activity 5: Creating our ideal community – Group planning	<p>Distribution of wealth worksheet: Students construct and interpret data displays to show how wealth is shared in a hypothetical economy</p> <p>Community planning template, Part 4, 5 and 6: Students complete the three resource sheets in this activity, aspects of which are completed either collaboratively or individually. The tasks include research, community budget, a map and the location of government services</p>

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Topic	Activity	Product
Topic 5: Saving and superannuation	Activity 2: How to reach your goals – Budgeting Activity 4: Long-term saving – Saving worksheet Activity 5: Saving for retirement – An introduction to superannuation Activity 6: Reflection – Jingle or tap Activity 7: Extension - Presentation	<p>Budget help worksheet: Students develop budgets and decide on what actions to take to reach financial goals</p> <p>Saving worksheet: Students individually complete the calculations and reflection questions on this worksheet</p> <p>Observation record: Students view a student-produced animation and discuss its features</p> <p>Jingle script: Students collaboratively create a jingle to promote the benefits of superannuation</p> <p>Recording: Students produce an audio or video recording of their jingle being performed.</p>
Topic 6: Our ideal community	Activity 3: Community pitch – Preparing to present Activity 4: Presenting the pitch – Community group presentations	<p>Written pitch: Students individually write a pitch for their ideal community</p> <p>Presentation: Students present their pitch to an audience</p> <p><i>N.B Assessment evidence from earlier topics should be embedded into the multi-modal presentation as appropriate.</i></p>

There are several opportunities throughout this resource for students to work with others, either in pairs, groups or as a class. Interactions, discussions and participation in groups should be observed when appropriate. The rubrics indicate when observations may be required.

Judgements about performance

When making judgments about evidence of student performance, teachers are advised to use the assessment rubrics.

Stage 3: Learning plan

The content descriptions and general capabilities that teachers may include in their teaching programs can be drawn from the linked curriculum mapping documents on each topic page.

[Topic 1](#)

[Topic 2](#)

[Topic 3](#)

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