Australian Curriculum

What is the Australian Curriculum?
The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development of Australia’s national curriculum from Foundation (Prep) to Year 12. The Australian Curriculum identifies the essential knowledge, skills and capabilities that all young Australians are entitled to access, regardless of their economic or social background or the school they attend.
The Phase 1 key learning areas for implementation were English, mathematics, science and history. Other curriculum areas developed are geography, civics and citizenship, business and economics, the arts, health and physical education, technologies, and languages. The Australian Curriculum also addresses the development of general capabilities and cross curriculum priorities.

In each subject area, the Australian Curriculum identifies:
• content descriptions - which detail what teachers are expected to teach and each student is expected to learn; and
• achievement standards - which set out the expected level of achievement by students in each year level/band.

What does the Australian Curriculum mean for Catholic education?
Catholic schooling authorities, with support from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), support schools in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Catholic schools have implemented English, mathematics and science in Years P-10 which means these subjects are ‘taught, assessed and reported’ using the Australian Curriculum. Catholic schooling authorities have developed implementation plans for the other learning areas/subjects as they are endorsed and released.

Links
For more information:
ACARA website
QCAA website