

Bullet Pointed Summary of Curriculum Policy

Giant Steps Tasmania uses the core knowledge, understanding, skills and capabilities outlined by ACARA as the basis for the unique Concept-based programs it offers students from Prep to Year 12.

The School delivers the Australian Curriculum for students in Prep to Year 10 as follows:

- The Arts
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Languages (Giant Steps Tasmania focuses on equipping all students with a means of communication, so teaches the use of AACs, such as ProLoQuo and LAMP and also AUSLAN)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technologies

The School delivers the TASC Curriculum in Years 11 and 12.

The School utilises the General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding

The school addresses the Cross-Curriculum Priorities:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture
- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

The teaching and learning programs at Giant Steps Tasmania are informed by the principles detailed in the School's Vision, Mission and values statements:

- To make a powerful difference within our school community, collaboratively championing transformational outcomes for our students;
- To create a safe and inspirational learning environment for students on the Autism Spectrum, where difference is celebrated and authentic relationships are fostered;
- To privilege safety, respect for individuality, honesty and collaboration.

These principles guide not only the academic programs delivered to our students, but also their Social and Emotional learning and Life Skills which are an integral part of their experience at our school. Giant Steps Tasmania works with students and their families to help prepare students to live and contribute meaningfully and confidently in a world characterised by challenge, rapid change and ever-expanding opportunity.