ANSTO Big Ideas 2020

Links to the Australian Curriculum Science Learning Area

The Science Inquiry Skills and Science as a Human Endeavour strands are described across a two-year band.

The following outcomes are addressed through participation in Big Ideas.

Science Inquiry Skills: Communicating

(Years 7 & 8)

Communicate ideas, findings and evidence based solutions to problems using scientific language, and representations, using digital technologies as appropriate (ACSIS133/148)

(Years 9 & 10)

Communicate scientific ideas and information for a particular purpose, including constructing evidence-based arguments and using appropriate scientific language, conventions and representations (ACSIS174/208)

Science as a Human Endeavour: Nature and development of science

(Year 7 & 8)

Scientific knowledge has changed peoples' understanding of the world and is refined as new evidence becomes available (ACSHE119/134)

Science knowledge can develop through collaboration across the disciplines of science and the contributions of people from a range of cultures (ACSHE223/ 226)

(Year 9 & 10)

Scientific understanding, including models and theories, is contestable and is refined over time through a process of review by the scientific community (ACSHE157/191)

Advances in scientific understanding often rely on technological advances and are often linked to scientific discoveries (ACSHE158/ 192)

Science as a Human Endeavour: Use and influence of science

(Year 7 & 8)

People use science understanding and skills in their occupations and these have influenced the development of practices in areas of human activity (ACSHE121/136)

(Year 9 & 10)

People use scientific knowledge to evaluate whether they accept claims, explanations or predictions, and advances in science can affect people's lives, including generating new career opportunities (ACSHE160/ 194)

Values and needs of contemporary society can influence the focus of scientific research (ACSHE228/230)