## COURSE PLANNER

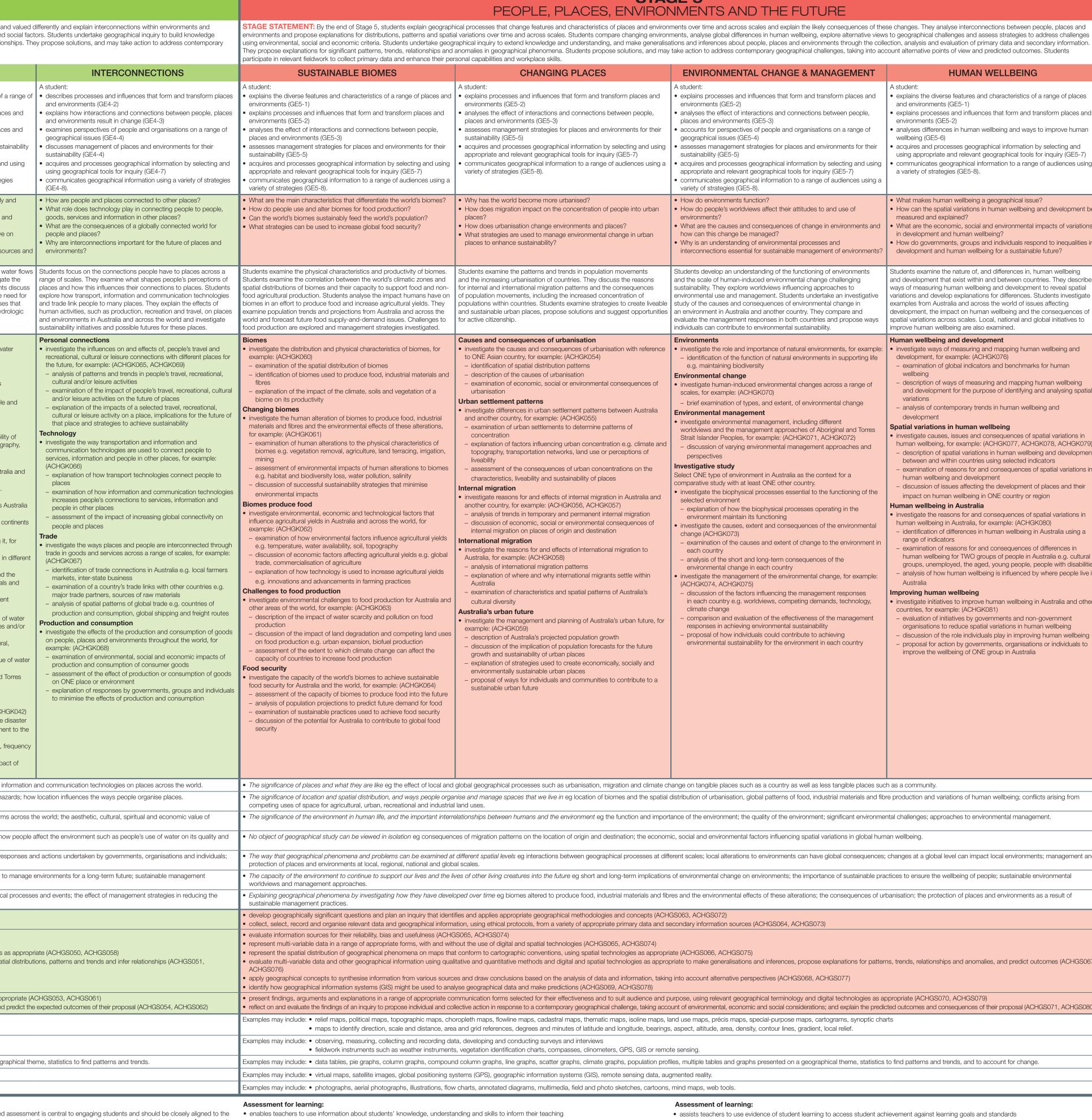
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## NSW SYLLABUS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM: GEOGRAPHY STAGES 4 & 5

**STAGE 4** 

PEOPLE, PLACES, ENVIRONMENTS AND MANAGEMENT TAGE STATEMENT: By the end of Stage 4, students describe geographical processes that influence the features and environments across a range of scales. They describe how places are perceived and valued differently and explain interconnections within environments and between people, places and environments. Students investigate environmental change and differences in human wellbeing and discuss strategies for addressing geographical challenges, taking into account environmental, economic and social factors. and understanding of people, places and environments through the collection, collation and analysis of primary data and secondary informations, patterns and trends and infer relationships. They propose solutions, and may take action to address contemporary

and understanding of people, places and environments through the collection, collation and analysis of primary data and secondary information. Students propose explanations for spatial distributions, patterns and trends and infer relations geographical challenges and predict outcomes. Students participate in fieldwork to collect primary data and develop their personal capabilities and workplace skills.					
	LANDSCAPES A	ND LANDFORMS	PLACE AND LIVEABILITY	WATER IN THE WORLD	
OUTCOMES	<ul> <li>places and environments (GE4-</li> <li>describes processes and influer environments (GE4-2)</li> <li>examines perspectives of peopl geographical issues (GE4-4)</li> <li>discusses management of place (GE4-5)</li> <li>acquires and processes geogra geographical tools for inquiry (G</li> <li>communicates geographical info (GE4-8).</li> </ul>	nces that form and transform places and e and organisations on a range of es and environments for their sustainability phical information by selecting and using E4-7) prmation using a variety of strategies	<ul> <li>A student:</li> <li>locates and describes the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments (GE4-1)</li> <li>explains how interactions and connections between people, places and environments result in change (GE4-3)</li> <li>examines perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues (GE4-4)</li> <li>explains differences in human wellbeing (GE4-6)</li> <li>acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using geographical tools for inquiry (GE4-7)</li> <li>communicates geographical information using a variety of strategies (GE4-8).</li> <li>Why do people's perceptions of the liveability of places vary?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A student:</li> <li>locates and describes the diverse features and characteristics of a places and environments (GE4-1)</li> <li>describes processes and influences that form and transform places environments (GE4-2)</li> <li>explains how interactions and connections between people, places environments result in change (GE4-3)</li> <li>discusses management of places and environments for their sustai (GE4-5)</li> <li>acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and geographical tools for inquiry (GE4-7)</li> <li>communicates geographical information using a variety of strategie (GE4-8).</li> <li>Why does the spatial distribution of water resources vary globally and geographical distribution distributi</li></ul>	
KEY INQUIRY QUESTIONS	<ul> <li>Why is there a diversity of landscapes and landforms on Earth?</li> <li>What environmental and human processes form and transform landscapes and landforms?</li> <li>Why do people value landscapes and landforms?</li> <li>To what extent are landscapes and landforms sustainably managed and protected?</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>What effect does environmental quality and access to services have on people's wellbeing?</li> <li>How can strong community identity and social connectedness enhance the liveability of places?</li> <li>What approaches can be used to improve the liveability of places?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Why does the spatial distribution of water resources vary globally at within countries?</li> <li>How do natural and human processes influence the distribution and availability of water as a resource?</li> <li>What effect does the uneven distribution of water resources have o people, places and environments?</li> <li>What approaches can be used to sustainably manage water resource reduce water scarcity?</li> </ul>	
CONTENT FOCUS	Students explore landscapes and landforms using examples from Australia and throughout the world. They explain processes that create landscapes and shape individual landforms and they describe the value of landscapes and landforms to different people. Students examine issues of landscape degradation and ways to manage and protect landscapes and landforms. Students also investigate a natural hazard associated with landscapes and people's responses to that hazard.		Students discuss factors that influence people's perceptions of the liveability of places. They investigate features and characteristics of places across a range of scales that support and enhance people's wellbeing such as community identity, environmental quality and access to services and facilities. Students assess the liveability of places and propose strategies to enhance the liveability of a place in Australia.	Students examine water as a resource and the factors influencing war and availability of water resources in different places. They investigate nature of water scarcity and assess ways of overcoming it. Students of variations in people's perceptions about the value of water and the ne sustainable water management. Students also investigate processes continue to shape the environment including an atmospheric or hydro hazard.	
CONTENT	<ul> <li>distinctive landforms, for examp <ul> <li>identification of a variety of lar</li> <li>explanation of geomorphic pr</li> <li>weathering, erosion, depositio</li> <li>examination of ONE landscape</li> </ul> </li> <li>Value of landscapes and land <ul> <li>investigate the aesthetic, cultural and landforms for people, include Peoples, for example: (ACHGKO)</li> <li>explanation of the aesthetic varie culture and identity</li> <li>description of the cultural and different places</li> <li>identification of how a landscape people</li> </ul> </li> <li>Changing landscapes <ul> <li>investigate the human causes a (ACHGK051)</li> <li>identification of the impact of a examination of ONE type of ladistribution, causes and impact of a examination of ONE type of ladistribution, causes and impact and a range of scales e.g. locally pheritage listing</li> <li>examination of management and a range of scales e.g. locally pheritage listing</li> <li>examination of management and a range or landform</li> </ul> </li> <li>Geomorphic hazard <ul> <li>investigate ONE contemporary of impacts and responses, for examination of the responses the impact of the disaster</li> <li>description of the spatial distripution of the spatial distripution of the spatial distripution of the responses the impact of the disaster</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ndscapes and landforms occesses that create landforms e.g. on, tectonic activity be and its distinctive landforms <b>forms</b> al, spiritual and economic value of landscapes ding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (A9) alue of landscapes and landforms to it spiritual value of landscapes or landforms in ape can have economic value for different ind effects of land degradation, for example: ole utilise and change landscapes range of human activities on landscapes range of human activities on landscapes range of human activities on landscapes andscape degradation including its spatial ct <b>protection</b> mg Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undscapes, for example: (ACHGK052) extent of landscape protection across protected places, national parks, world and protection strategies for ONE landscape in of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander se and management of an Australian geomorphic hazard including causes, mple: (ACHGK053) ibution of the disaster occesses causing the disaster and its impacts of individuals, groups and government to	<ul> <li>Influences and perceptions</li> <li>investigate factors influencing perceptions of the liveability of places, for example: (ACHGK043, ACHGK046, ACHGK065)</li> <li>examination of environmental factors that influence perceptions of liveability e.g. climate, landforms, natural resources</li> <li>discussion of human factors that influence perceptions of liveability e.g. culture, income, employment, crime and safety</li> <li>explanation of ways used to measure, assess or rank the liveability of places e.g. surveys, liveability criteria and application to a local place</li> <li>Access to services and facilities</li> <li>investigate the influence of accessibility to services and facilities on the liveability of places, for example: (ACHGK044)</li> <li>identification of services and facilities considered important to people's wellbeing</li> <li>examination of twaitations in access to services and facilities between urban, rural and remote places</li> <li>explanation of how limited access to services and facilities affects the liveability of ONE place for different groups of people e.g. young people, people with disabilities, the aged, rural and remote communities</li> </ul> Environmental quality <ul> <li>investigate the impact of environmental quality on the liveability of places, for example: (ACHGK045)</li> <li>discussion of factors that reduce environmental quality e.g. natural hazards, conflict, population pressures, land degradation</li> <li>comparison of the impact of environmental quality on the liveability of places, tor example: (ACHGK045)</li> <li>divestigate the influence of social connectedness and community identify on the liveability of places, for example: (ACHGK045)</li> <li>divestigate the influence of social connectedness equadation</li> <li>comparison of the impact of environmental quality on the liveability on the liveability of places, for example: (ACHGK045)</li> <li>diventifies</li> <li>discussion of factors that enhance social connectedness eq transport, technology, open spaces,</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Water resources</li> <li>investigate the characteristics and spatial distribution of global water resources, for example: (ACHGK037) <ul> <li>classification of water resources</li> <li>identification of spatial distribution patterns of water resources.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The water cycle</li> <li>investigate how the operation of the water cycle connects people a places, for example: (ACHGK038) <ul> <li>identification of water cycle processes</li> <li>explanation of water flows within a catchment area</li> <li>examination of factors influencing water flows and the availability water resources in different places e.g. latitude, altitude, topograp location, climate change</li> </ul> </li> <li>Australia's water resources</li> <li>investigate the quantity and variability of water resources in Australia other places, for example: (ACHGK039) <ul> <li>analysis of spatial variations in Australia's water resources e.g. groundwater, rivers</li> <li>explanation of variations in freshwater water availability across Au e.g. precipitation, groundwater, runoff</li> <li>assessment of variations in freshwater water availability between cor</li> </ul> </li> <li>Water scarcity and water management</li> <li>investigate the nature of water scarcity and ways of overcoming it, texample: (ACHGK040)</li> <li>description of the nature, extent and causes of water scarcity in a countries</li> <li>assessment of strategies used to overcome water scarcity and the role of governments, non-government organisations, individuals a communities in sustainable water management</li> <li>proposal of individual actions contributing to water management</li> <li>proposal of the Asia region, for example: (ACHGK041)</li> <li>description of the ways water is used by people e.g. agricultural, commercial, industrial and recreational uses</li> <li>discussion of variations in people's perceptions about the value of the poople, including Aboriginal and Tornes Strait Islander Peoples a peoples of the Asia region, for example: (ACHGK041)</li> <li>descrip</li></ul>	
	PLACE		I re like eg factors influencing people's perceptions of places; the special signific		
GEOGRAPHICAL GEOGRAPHICAL INQUIRY SKILLS CONCEPTS	SPACE	• The significance of location and spatial distribution, and ways people organise and manage spaces that we live in eg spatial distribution of landscapes, global water resources and natural haza			
	ENVIRONMENT	<ul> <li>The significance of the environment in human life, and the important interrelationships between humans and the environment eg processes that form and transform landscapes and landforms environments to people; the effect of human activities on natural and human environments.</li> <li>No object of geographical study can be viewed in isolation eg how people are affected by the environment with regard to landscapes, climate, natural hazards and the liveability of places; how</li> </ul>			
		<ul> <li>The way that geographical phenomena and problems can be examined at different spatial levels eg management of geographical challenges across a range of scales from local to global; resp</li> </ul>			
	SCALE	<ul> <li>communities operating at local to global scales.</li> <li>The capacity of the environment to continue to support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives are support our lives and the lives of other living creatures into the future eg pressures on the Earth's water resources and landscapes; the need to resource the support our lives are support our lives</li></ul>			
	SUSTAINABILITY	<ul> <li>approaches.</li> <li>Explaining geographical phenomena by investigating how they have developed over time eg changes to resources, landscapes and places over time through natural and human geographical</li> </ul>			
	CHANGE Acquiring Geographical	<ul> <li>impact of natural and human geographical processes.</li> <li>develop geographically significant questions and plan an inquiry, using appropriate geographical methodologies and concepts (ACHGS047, ACHGS055)</li> </ul>			
	INFORMATION	<ul> <li>collect, select and record relevant geographical data and information, using ethical protocols, from appropriate primary data and secondary information sources (ACHGS048, ACHGS056)</li> <li>evaluate information sources for their reliability and usefulness (ACHGS049, ACHGS057)</li> </ul>			
	PROCESSING GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	<ul> <li>represent data in a range of appropriate forms, with and without the use of digital and spatial technologies (ACHGS049, ACHGS057)</li> <li>represent the spatial distribution of different types of geographical phenomena by constructing maps at different scales that conform to cartographic conventions, using spatial technologies as</li> <li>analyse geographical data and other information using qualitative and quantitative methods, and digital and spatial technologies as appropriate, to identify and propose explanations for spatial ACHGS059)</li> <li>apply geographical concepts to draw conclusions based on the analysis of the data and information collected (ACHGS052, ACHGS060)</li> <li>present findings, arguments and ideas in a range of communication forms selected to suit a particular audience and purpose; using geographical terminology and digital technologies as appropriate technologies as appropriate technologies as appropriate.</li> </ul>			
GEOGRAPHICAL TOOLS	COMMUNICATING GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	• reflect on their learning to propose individual and collective action in response to a contemporary geographical challenge, taking account of environmental, economic and social considerations, and p			
	MAPS	<ul> <li>Examples may include: • sketch maps, relief maps, political maps, topographic maps, flowline maps, choropleth maps, isoline maps, précis maps, cartograms, synoptic charts</li> <li>• maps to identify direction, scale and distance, area and grid references, latitude and longitude, altitude, area, contour lines, gradient, local relief.</li> </ul>			
	FIELDWORK	Examples may include: • observing, measuring, collecting and recording data, developing and conducting surveys and interviews • fieldwork instruments such as weather instruments, vegetation identification charts, compasses, GPS, GIS.			
	GRAPHS AND STATISTICS SPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES	Examples may include: • data tables, pie graphs, column graphs, compound column graphs, line graphs, climate graphs, population profiles, multiple tables and graphs presented on a geographic Examples may include: • virtual maps, satellite images, global positioning systems (GPS), geographic information systems (GIS).			
	VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS		al photographs, illustrations, flow charts, annotated diagrams, multimedia, field		
ASSESSMENT	STANDARDS: The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) K–10 Curriculum Framework is a standards-referenced framework that describes, through syllabuses and other documents, the expected learning outcomes for students. Standards in the framework consist of three interrelated elements: outcomes and content in syllabuses showing what is to be learned, Stage statements that summarise student achievement and samples of work on the BOSTES Assessment Resource Centre (ARC) website which provide examples of levels of achievement within a Stage. Syllabus outcomes in Geography contribute to a developmental sequence in which students are challenged to acquire new knowledge, understanding and skills.				



agement in their learning and leads to enhanced student outcomes. Assessment • teachers provide feedback to students about their learning and how to improve e three approaches to assessment that play an important role in teaching and sessment for Learning as an essential component of good teaching.

Assessment as learning:

• involves students in the learning process where they monitor their own progress, ask questions and practice skills

• students use self-assessment and teacher feedback to reflect on their learning, consolidate their understanding and work towards learning goals





ons and inferences about people, places and environments through the collection, analysis and evaluation of primary data and secondary information. The action to address contemporary geographical challenges, taking into account alternative points of view and predicted outcomes. Students					
ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE & MANAGEMENT	HUMAN WELLBEING				
<ul> <li>A student:</li> <li>explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments (GE5-2)</li> <li>analyses the effect of interactions and connections between people, places and environments (GE5-3)</li> <li>accounts for perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues (GE5-4)</li> <li>assesses management strategies for places and environments for their sustainability (GE5-5)</li> <li>acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using appropriate and relevant geographical tools for inquiry (GE5-7)</li> <li>communicates geographical information to a range of audiences using a variety of strategies (GE5-8).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A student:</li> <li>explains the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments (GE5-1)</li> <li>explains processes and influences that form and transform places and environments (GE5-2)</li> <li>analyses differences in human wellbeing and ways to improve human wellbeing (GE5-6)</li> <li>acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using appropriate and relevant geographical tools for inquiry (GE5-7)</li> <li>communicates geographical information to a range of audiences using a variety of strategies (GE5-8).</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>How do environments function?</li> <li>How do people's worldviews affect their attitudes to and use of environments?</li> <li>What are the causes and consequences of change in environments and how can this change be managed?</li> <li>Why is an understanding of environmental processes and interconnections essential for sustainable management of environments?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What makes human wellbeing a geographical issue?</li> <li>How can the spatial variations in human wellbeing and development be measured and explained?</li> <li>What are the economic, social and environmental impacts of variations in development and human wellbeing?</li> <li>How do governments, groups and individuals respond to inequalities in development and human wellbeing for a sustainable future?</li> </ul>				
Students develop an understanding of the functioning of environments and the scale of human-induced environmental change challenging sustainability. They explore worldviews influencing approaches to environmental use and management. Students undertake an investigative study of the causes and consequences of environmental change in an environment in Australia and another country. They compare and evaluate the management responses in both countries and propose ways individuals can contribute to environmental sustainability.	Students examine the nature of, and differences in, human wellbeing and development that exist within and between countries. They describe ways of measuring human wellbeing and development to reveal spatial variations and develop explanations for differences. Students investigate examples from Australia and across the world of issues affecting development, the impact on human wellbeing and the consequences of spatial variations across scales. Local, national and global initiatives to improve human wellbeing are also examined.				
<ul> <li>Environments</li> <li>investigate the role and importance of natural environments, for example: <ul> <li>identification of the function of natural environments in supporting life e.g. maintaining biodiversity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Environmental change</li> <li>investigate human-induced environmental changes across a range of scales, for example: (ACHGK070)</li> <li>brief examination of types, and extent, of environmental change</li> <li>Environmental management</li> <li>investigate environmental management, including different worldviews and the management approaches of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, for example: (ACHGK071, ACHGK072)</li> <li>discussion of varying environmental management approaches and perspectives</li> </ul> Investigative study Select ONE type of environment in Australia as the context for a comparative study with at least ONE other country. Investigate the biophysical processes operating in the environment <ul> <li>explanation of how the biophysical processes operating in the environment maintain its functioning</li> <li>investigate the causes, extent and consequences of the environmental change (ACHGK073) <ul> <li>analysis of the short and long-term consequences of the environment in each country</li> <li>analysis of the short and long-term consequences of the environment in each country.</li> <li>analysis of the short and long-term consequences of the environment in each country.</li> <li>ourstigate the management of the environmental change, for example: (ACHGK074, ACHGK075)</li> <li>discussion of the factors influencing the management responses in each evaluation of the effectiveness of the management responses in achieving environmental sustainability</li> <li>proposal of how individuals could contribute to achieving environmental sustainability for the environment in each country</li> </ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>Human wellbeing and development</li> <li>investigate ways of measuring and mapping human wellbeing and development, for example: (ACHGK076) <ul> <li>examination of global indicators and benchmarks for human wellbeing and development for the purpose of identifying and analysing spatial variations</li> <li>analysis of contemporary trends in human wellbeing and development</li> </ul> </li> <li>Stati variations in human wellbeing and development in human wellbeing and development is a subject (ACHGK077, ACHGK078, ACHGK079)</li> <li>investigate causes, issues and consequences of spatial variations in human wellbeing and development is subject (ACHGK077, ACHGK078, ACHGK079)</li> <li>description of spatial variations in human wellbeing and development between and within countries using selected indicators</li> <li>examination of reasons for and consequences of spatial variations in human wellbeing in Australia (for example: (ACHGK080))</li> <li>identification of differences in human wellbeing in Australia using a range of indicators</li> <li>analysis of how human wellbeing in Australia using a range of indicators</li> <li>analysis of how human wellbeing in Australia using a range of indicators</li> <li>analysis of how human wellbeing in Australia using a range of indicators</li> <li>analysis of how human wellbeing in Australia using a range of indicators</li> <li>analysis of how human wellbeing in influenced by where people live in Australia</li> <li>Nexettigate initiatives to improve human wellbeing in Australia and other countries, for example: (ACHGK081)</li> <li>vealuation of initiatives by governments and non-government organisations to reduce spatial variations in human wellbeing</li> <li>proposal for action by governments, organisations or individuals to improve the wellbeing of ONE group in Australia</li> </ul>				
nge on tangible places such as a country as well as less tangible places suc					
stribution of urbanisation, global patterns of food, industrial materials and fibr					
nce of the environment; the quality of the environment; significant environmental challenges; approaches to environmental management. , social and environmental factors influencing spatial variations in global human wellbeing. ent scales; local alterations to environments can have global consequences; changes at a global level can impact local environments; management and					
of environmental change on environments; the importance of sustainable practices to ensure the wellbeing of people; sustainable environmental					
s and the environmental effects of these alterations; the consequences of urbanisation; the protection of places and environments as a result of					
S063, ACHGS072) condary information sources (ACHGS064, ACHGS073)					
e (ACHGS066, ACHGS075) ate to make generalisations and inferences, propose explanations for patterns, trends, relationships and anomalies, and predict outcomes (ACHGS067, nto account alternative perspectives (ACHGS068, ACHGS077) pose, using relevant geographical terminology and digital technologies as appropriate (ACHGS070, ACHGS079) nt of environmental, economic and social considerations; and explain the predicted outcomes and consequences of their proposal (ACHGS071, ACHGS080) d use maps, précis maps, special-purpose maps, cartograms, synoptic charts aspect, altitude, area, density, contour lines, gradient, local relief.					
sensing. s, multiple tables and graphs presented on a geographical theme, statistics nented reality. hind maps, web tools.	to find patterns and trends, and to account for change.				

Assessment of learning:

• assists teachers to use evidence of student learning to access student achievement against learning goals and standards

Further advice on programming and appropriate assessment practice in relation to the Geography syllabus is contained on the BOSTES website. This support material provides general advice on assessment as well as strategies to assist teachers in planning education programs.