



English as an Additional Language or Dialect ATAR Year 12

Selected syllabus Unit 3 contexts for the COAT 2026

This document is an extract from the *English as an Additional Language or Dialect ATAR Course Year 12 syllabus*, featuring all of the contexts for Unit 3. The contexts that have been highlighted in the document are the contexts on which the Common oral assessment task (COAT) for 2026 will be based.

All students enrolled in the course are required to complete the COAT. The COAT is an assessment task which is set by the Authority and distributed to schools for administering to students. The COAT will be administered in schools during Term 2, 2026 under standard test conditions. The COAT will take 15 minutes.

The COAT will be marked by teachers in each school using a marking key provided by the Authority. The COAT is included in the assessment table in the syllabus as a separate assessment type with a weighting of 10% for the pair of units.

Unit 3

Suggested contexts

Within the broad area of Australia as a cultural community, teachers must teach at least one of the following contexts:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: historical and significant events; identity; cultural belief systems and practices; multilingualism; connection to Country; Stolen Generations; land rights; social justice

migration: periods and patterns of migration; Australia's migration policies; migration stories; types of migration; impact of migration; attitudes towards migration and migrants

identity: what does it mean to be 'Australian'?; multiculturalism; strengthening identity; ways of knowing, being and doing; social consciousness; culture shock; multilingualism; Australian icons; social media and its effects in Australia

commonality and difference: ability to express individual views; acceptance of variations in cultural belief systems and practices; individual rights and those of the wider community; ability to pursue individual spirituality; acceptance and maintenance of first language and culture; cultural practices versus legal rights; retribution; gender equality

Australia's place in the global community: the arts; sport; tourism; environmental issues and policies; humanitarian ties; economic ties/trade; health policies; international travel; international relations and policies; Australia as part of the Commonwealth of Nations; the Republican movement.