# Classical Greek – comparison of curriculums

**The following tables show the relationship between the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 (VC1) and the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 (VC2).**

## Levels 7 and 8

### Achievement standard

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| By the end of Level 8, students use their knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and textual cues to identify and interpret information in Classical Greek texts, such as narratives, about the daily life and attitudes of the ancient Greeks. They interpret grammatical structures such as inflected forms; identify linguistic features such as striking word choice, for example, *θηρίον* *δεινόν, Ἀθήνη* *γλαυκῶπις*; infer meaning from textual cues such as headings, images or captions; and describe social and cultural practices embedded in Classical Greek words, such as *γυμνάσιον, πανήγυρις, σπονδή, πομπή*. They convey information and ideas about ancient Greek society and culture, in oral, written or digital forms, using Classical Greek as appropriate, for example, a news report in English about a historical event such as the Battle of Marathon, or a digital poster about family life in ancient Greece with annotations in Classical Greek, such as *πατήρ, μήτηρ, υἱός, θυγάτηρ*. They share their responses to Classical Greek texts, such-as stories, myths and plays, by expressing their feelings and ideas about characters, events, actions, settings and themes. They read aloud or recite Classical Greek texts, such as stories, dialogues, poems or speeches, or perform texts in Classical Greek, such as short plays, to entertain an audience, conveying meaning effectively by using appropriate phrasing and voice inflection.Students translate Classical Greek texts accurately into Standard English, applying their knowledge of vocabulary, including roots and derivatives, linguistic cues, culture, and accidence and syntax, including number, gender and case of nouns, pronouns and adjectives, for example, *οὐδὲν κακὸν* *ἀμιγὲς καλοῦ*, conjugation and tense, such as present and future tenses of verbs, for example, *γράφω/γράψω, βάλλω/βαλῶ, δέχομαι/δέξομαι*, and conventions of sentence structure. They explain the relative effectiveness of different translations of the same text, and identify the features of a successful translation.Students identify Classical Greek sound–script relationships and use restored pronunciation when reading aloud, such as for diphthongs, double consonants and aspirated consonants, for example, *εἴσοδος, ξένος, χάρις*. They identify the structure and features of different texts in Classical Greek, such as narratives or short plays, and explain how these elements contribute to an audience's response to the text. They describe how the Greek language spread with the expansion of the ancient Greek world, and influenced other languages during the Classical period. They explain how Classical Greek has influenced and continues to influence English vocabulary, by identifying derivatives, for example, *theory, dilemma, category, paragraph*, and words that are used in modern English, for example, *nemesis*, *catharsis*, *criterion, anathema*.Students give examples of how particular language use reflects the lifestyles, ideas, feelings and attitudes of Greeks in the Classical period, and identify connections between ancient and modern values, pursuits, citizenship, literature, the arts and architecture. They share their reactions to and assumptions about the language and culture of ancient Greek society, identifying similarities or differences to their own language and culture. They describe how learning Classical Greek impacts on their own approaches to learning and on their understanding of their own heritage, values and culture. | By the end of Level 8, students use their knowledge of Classical Greek to interpret texts and respond to information about ancient Greek society. They develop strategies to translate Classical Greek texts into English, identifying familiar vocabulary and language structures and features to interpret meaning.Students apply Classical Greek sound–script relationships and use restored pronunciation when reading simple texts. They demonstrate understanding that Classical Greek has conventions and rules for written texts. They understand that Classical Greek has influenced English vocabulary, and comment on language structures and features, using metalanguage. They demonstrate awareness that language, texts and artefacts from ancient Greece are connected to culture and identity, and explore the relationships between language(s), culture(s) and identity. | Achievement standard improved for clarity and teachability. Wording refined to reflect a developmental progression of language learning. Volume of content has been reduced and Classical Greek language examples have been moved to elaborations to ensure the achievement standards are clear and succinct |

### Content descriptions

#### VC2 strand: Engaging with the Ancient Greek World through Texts

##### Sub-strand: Accessing and responding to Classical Greek texts

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | **Comment** |
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| Read, comprehend and discuss Classical Greek texts, using vocabulary, grammar and textual cues, to explore the ancient Greek world (VCGRCE001)Listen to and read Classical Greek texts, such as stories, myths and plays; share reactions and make connections with characters, events, actions, settings and key emotions (VCGRCE003) | access and interpret texts to explore the ancient Greek worldVC2LCG8E01 | Retained reference to accessing texts. Moved specific references to text types and pedagogy to elaborations |
| Convey information and ideas about the daily life and attitudes of the ancient Greeks, in oral, written and digital forms, using Classical Greek as appropriate (VCGRCE002) | respond to texts and convey information in Classical Greek or English, as appropriateVC2LCG8E02 | Combined and refined |
| Identify the structure and features of a range of texts in Classical Greek, such as narratives and short plays (VCGRCU010) |  | Removed |

##### Sub-strand: Translating

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| Translate Classical Greek texts into Standard English, by applying knowledge of vocabulary, accidence and syntax, and linguistic and cultural cues (VCGRCE005) | develop and apply strategies to interpret and translate simple Classical Greek texts to demonstrate understanding in EnglishVC2LCG8E03 | Combined and refined |
| Compare different translations and interpretations of Classical Greek texts, and identify features of successful translations (VCGRCE006) |  | Removed |

#### VC2 strand: Understanding Language and Culture

##### Sub-strand: Understanding systems of language

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| Understand the phonological and orthographic systems of Classical Greek, including the restored pronunciation and the written alphabet (VCGRCU007)Read aloud, recite or perform Classical Greek texts, using phrasing and voice inflection to convey meaning and to entertain others (VCGRCE004) | understand and begin to apply the phonological and orthographic systems of Classical GreekVC2LCG8U01 | Combined and refined |
| Understand concepts of accidence and syntax used in simple and compound sentences in Classical Greek, including parts of speech, case, gender, number, person, declension and conjugation, agreement and tense, mood, voice, participles and infinitives (VCGRCU008)Acquire and build vocabulary by using roots, derivatives and word lists, and use dictionaries to select appropriate meanings of Classical Greek words (VCGRCU009) | develop knowledge of the vocabulary, structures and features of Classical Greek grammatical systems to understand, translate and respond to simple textsVC2LCG8U02 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |
|  | compare Classical Greek vocabulary and language structures and features with English, using metalanguageVC2LCG8U03 | New |

##### Sub-strand: Understanding the interrelationship of language and culture

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| Examine the enduring influence of ancient Greek culture on the modern world, by discussing the ancient origins of modern values, pursuits, citizenship, literature, the arts and architecture (VCGRCU012)Recognise that the language of the ancient Greeks provides insights into their daily lives, ideas, feelings and attitudes (VCGRCU013) | recognise that language, texts and artefacts provide insights into culture and identityVC2LCG8U04 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |
| Understand that Greek spread with the expansion of the ancient Greek world, and developed over time, influencing English and other languages (VCGRCU011) |  | Removed |
| Reflect on own and others’ reactions to and assumptions about the language and culture of ancient Greek society, considering similarities and differences to own language and culture (VCGRCU014) |  | Removed |
| Reflect on self as a language learner, considering how learning Classical Greek influences ways of learning and enhances understanding of own heritage, values and culture (VCGRCU015) |  | Removed |

## Levels 9 and 10

### Achievement standard

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| By the end of Level 10, students analyse a range of Classical Greek texts to obtain information and ideas about ancient Greek society and culture. They use vocabulary, grammar and textual cues to analyse and interpret language use and cultural references in Classical Greek texts, such as poetry, plays or narratives, for example, by deducing the meaning of complex sentence structures, such as those with subordinate clauses or indirect speech, for example, *ὁ ἄγγελος* *λέγει* *ὅτι* *οἱ πολέμιοι προσέρχονται*, and explaining the impact of word order on emphasis and tone, for example, *ὁ δὲ* *ἀνεξέταστος βίος* *οὐ βιωτὸς* *ἀνθρώπῳ, ἓν* *οἶδα ὃτι* *οὐδὲν* *οἶδα, πρῶτον* *μὲν* *γάρ*, and implicit values, concepts and assumptions embedded in language use, for example, *ἀριστεία, μίασμα*. They convey their interpretations of information and ideas about ancient Greek society and culture, in oral, written or digital forms, such as role-plays or debates in English about how cultural attitudes are conveyed in Classical Greek texts, or a digital presentation of an archaeological site, using simple sentences in Classical Greek, for example, *τὸ μαντεῖον* *τῶν* *Δελφῶν*. They share their responses to Classical Greek texts, such as narratives, dialogues, plays, poems or letters, by describing themes, values and literary features, such as plot development and characterisation, and expressing and justifying their opinions with support from the text. They read aloud, recite or perform Classical Greek texts, such as oratory, history, drama or poetry, to entertain different audiences, conveying meaning and emotion effectively by using appropriate phrasing and voice inflection.Students translate a range of texts that incorporate complex sentence structures and extensive vocabulary, from Classical Greek into Standard English that represents the style and purpose of the texts, applying their knowledge of roots, cognates and derivatives to infer the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary, and using dictionaries to select the appropriate meaning of words. They analyse how the language is used in grammatically complex sentences, including subordinate clauses, non-finite verb forms, pronoun forms, mood and voice, such as case usage of nouns, pronouns and adjectives, for example, *τούτων* *τῶν* *ἀνθρώπων, τὰ* *μείζονα κακά*, perfect and pluperfect conjugations, for example, *λέλοιπα/ἐλελοίπη*, subjunctive and optative moods, for example, *μὴ* *κρύψῃς* *τὴν* *μάστιγα δοῦλε*, *ὁ δεσπότης ἠρώτησε* *τὶς* *λύσειε* *τοὺς βοῦς*, and passive voice, for example, *ὁ ἳππος* *ἐλύθη, τῷ* *οἰστῷ βληθείς*. They evaluate the effectiveness of different translations of the same Classical Greek text, and identify strategies for successful translations.Students apply the principles of pronunciation for the reading of Classical Greek texts. They identify the structure and organisation of different text types in Classical Greek, such as prose and verse, and explain how they relate to context, purpose and audience. They explain the role of Classical Greek in facilitating the spread of Greek civilisation and culture across the Mediterranean world, and the contribution of Classical Greek to the enrichment of English through the transfer of specialist vocabulary, for example, *antithesis, ellipsis, euphemism, hyperbole*, abstract concepts, for example, *enthusiasm, patriotism, democracy, idiosyncrasy*, and the coining of vocabulary for new technology and new discoveries, for example, *thermodynamics, epigenomics*.Students describe ancient Greek values, attitudes and beliefs that are embedded in particular language use, such as *μέτρον* and *κλέος*. They explain how the ancient Greek world has influenced social, political and legal structures, philosophy, literature, the arts, and medical and scientific practices in the modern world. They share reactions to and assumptions about the language, culture and values of ancient Greek society, explaining how these relate to their own language and culture. They compare ways of communicating and living in the ancient world with those of the modern world, and explain how learning Classical Greek influences their own ways of thinking and viewing the world. | By the end of Level 10, students use their knowledge of Classical Greek to interpret and analyse information from texts about ancient Greek society and culture. They apply strategies to translate and interpret more complex Classical Greek texts into English and demonstrate understanding of how language conveys cultural meaning. Students apply Classical Greek sound–script relationships and use restored pronunciation when reading familiar and unfamiliar texts. They select and apply appropriate vocabulary, grammatical conventions and rules when translating and responding to Classical Greek texts. They explain how Classical Greek has influenced English vocabulary and analyse language structures and features, using metalanguage. They demonstrate understanding that language, texts and artefacts from ancient Greece are connected to culture and identity, and reflect on the interrelationship of language(s), culture(s) and identity. | Achievement standard improved for clarity and teachability. Wording refined to reflect a developmental progression of language learning. Volume of content has been reduced, and Classical Greek language examples have been moved to elaborations to ensure the achievement standards are clear and succinct |

### Content descriptions

#### VC2 strand: Engaging with the Ancient Greek World through Texts

##### Sub-strand: Accessing and responding to Classical Greek texts

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Read, analyse and interpret Classical Greek texts, using vocabulary, grammar and textual cues, to engage with the ancient Greek world (VCGRCE016) | interpret texts to analyse the society and culture of the ancient Greek worldVC2LCG10E01 | Retained reference to accessing texts. Moved specific examples to elaborations |
| Convey interpretations of information and ideas about ancient Greek society and culture, in oral, written and digital forms, using Classical Greek as appropriate (VCGRCE017)Respond to Classical Greek texts by analysing themes, values and literary features, such as plot development and characterisation, and sharing and justifying opinions (VCGRCE018)Discuss how the ancient Greek world has influenced the modern world, in its social, political and legal structures; philosophy; literature; arts; and medical and scientific practices (VCGRCU027) | respond to texts in Classical Greek or English as appropriate and discuss ideas about ancient Greek societyVC2LCG10E02 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |
| Analyse the structure and features of different text types in Classical Greek, exploring how they relate to context, purpose and audience (VCGRCU025) |  | Removed |

##### Sub-strand: Translating

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| **Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0** | **Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0** | **Comment** |
| Translate a range of texts that incorporate complex sentence structures and extensive vocabulary from Classical Greek into Standard English, representing the style and purpose of the texts (VCGRCE020)Evaluate different translations and interpretations of Classical Greek texts, using metalanguage to discuss their effectiveness, and develop strategies for successful translations (VCGRCE021) | apply strategies to interpret and translate more complex Classical Greek texts to convey meaning in EnglishVC2LCG10E03 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |

#### VC2 strand: Understanding Language and Culture

##### Sub-strand: Understanding systems of language

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| Understand and apply the principles of pronunciation for the reading of Classical Greek texts (VCGRCU022)Read aloud, recite or perform Classical Greek texts to entertain others, using strategies such as phrasing and voice inflection to convey meaning and emotion (VCGRCE019) | apply the phonological and orthographic systems of Classical Greek in a range of contextsVC2LCG10U01 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |
| Understand concepts of accidence and syntax used in complex sentences in Classical Greek, including subordinate clauses, pronoun forms, mood, voice, and conventions of complex sentence structure (VCGRCU023)Expand vocabulary by using a range of strategies, including knowledge of roots, cognates and derivatives, and use dictionaries to determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary in specific contexts (VCGRCU024) | select and use vocabulary, grammatical structures and linguistic features of Classical Greek to interpret, translate and respond to more complex textsVC2LCG10U02 | Combined and refined. Specific examples moved to elaborations |
|  | explain how Classical Greek vocabulary, structures and features extend understanding of English, using metalanguageVC2LCG10U03 | New |

##### Sub-strand: Understanding the interrelationship of language and culture

| Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0 | Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 | Comment |
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| Identify how cultural values, attitudes and beliefs of the ancient Greeks are embedded in their language (VCGRCU028) | reflect on and explain how language, texts and artefacts provide understanding of culture and identityVC2LCG10U04 | Refined |
| Understand that Greek became the dominant language of the ancient Mediterranean world and facilitated the spread of Greek civilisation and culture, and that Classical Greek continues to enrich English through specialist vocabulary and abstract concepts embodied in the language (VCGRCU026) |  | Removed |
| Question and explain own and others’ reactions to and assumptions about the language, culture and values of ancient Greek society, discussing how these relate to own language and culture (VCGRCU029) |  | Removed |
| Reflect on self as a language learner, explaining how the study of Classical Greek influences own communicative behaviours, ways of thinking and viewing the world (VCGRCU030) |  | Removed |