

High School Civics & Citizenship Election Links

Using the South Australian election as a contemporary case study

This sequence aligns most strongly with **Years 7–9 Civics and Citizenship**, with flexibility to extend for Year 10.

AC9HC7K01 – Democratic principles and values

The key principles and values of Australia's democracy, including freedom, equality before the law, and representative democracy.

Election link:

- How elections operationalise:
 - Representative democracy
 - Equality before the law (one vote, one value)
 - Political freedom and choice

AC9HC7K03 – Features of Australia's electoral system

How Australia's electoral systems support democratic participation and representation.

Election link:

- Compulsory voting
- Secret ballot
- Preferential voting
- Independent electoral management (AEC federal/ECSA state commission)

AC9HC8K02 – Role of political institutions and representatives

The roles and responsibilities of political institutions and elected representatives.

Election link:

- State Parliament (House of Assembly & Legislative Council)
- Premier, Cabinet and Ministers
- Accountability to voters and Parliament

AC9HC9K01 – Opportunities for civic participation

How citizens can participate in civic life at local, state and national levels.

Election link:

- Voting
- Campaigning
- Advocacy

- Youth participation and future citizenship

Civics Skills (across Years 7–9)

- **AC9HC7–9S01:** Develop and refine inquiry questions
- **AC9HC7–9S02:** Locate and select reliable sources about democratic structures and processes
- **AC9HC7–9S03:** Communicate informed opinions using civics terminology