

Year 5 – Civics and Citizenship Election links

This learning:

- ✓ Is non-partisan and neutral
- ✓ Focuses on process, not political views

“The key values and features of Australia’s democracy, including elections, and the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives.”

AC9HC5K01 – Values of Australia’s democracy

The values of Australia’s democracy, including freedom, equality, fairness and justice.

How the South Australian election links:

- Voting gives adults **freedom** to choose
- One person, one vote reflects **fairness and equality**
- Election rules and processes support **justice**

Classroom application:

- Identify which democratic values are visible during an election
- Explain how voting supports fairness and freedom

AC9HC5K02 – Australia’s electoral system

How people participate in Australia’s democracy, including through voting in elections.

How the South Australian election links:

- Adults participate by:
 - Enrolling to vote
 - Voting on election day
 - Having their vote counted
- Introduces **secret ballot, counting votes, majority rule**

Classroom application:

- Explain how elections work in simple steps
- Compare real elections with a class mock election

AC9HC5K03 – Roles of elected representatives

The roles and responsibilities of elected representatives in Australia's democracy.

How the South Australian election links:

- Voters elect Members of Parliament (MP)
- MPs:
 - Represent their local community
 - Make laws and decisions for the state
 - Are accountable to the people

Classroom application:

- Identify what MPs do once elected
- Explain who representatives are responsible to

AC9HC5S01 – Questioning and research

Develop questions to investigate people, events and issues.

Application:

- Why do we have elections?
- What makes an election fair?
- How does voting help people have a say?

AC9HC5S02 – Analysis and interpretation

Analyse information to identify perspectives and explain democratic processes.

Application:

- Analyse election features (secret ballot, voting rules)
- Explain why these features are important

AC9HC5S03 – Communication

Present ideas and information using civics and citizenship terms.

Application:

- Use terms such as *democracy, election, vote, representative, fairness*
- Present learning in posters, explanations, flow charts