Internet sites with planning tools and units of work

1. **Australian Curriculum [Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, (ACARA)]**
   http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Home
   - Use the curriculum tab to browse by subject area or year level.
   - Subject *Content Descriptions* give clear indications of what is expected in the different strands as summarised in the subject *Achievement Standard* for each particular year level.
   - Annotated work samples or portfolios help clarify the standards in specific examples of student work.
   - The 7 *General Capabilities* apply across the subjects. Browse by capability or by subject area.
     http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/curriculum.html.

2. **Queensland Studies Authority** (**QSA**) website http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/
   Essential Learnings (ELs)
   Essential Learnings are the key Queensland curriculum planning documents for students Prep – Year 10. ELs "*identify what should be taught and what is important for students to have opportunities to know, understand and be able to do.*"

   The ELs describe the focus of teaching, learning and assessment at four key junctures: by the end of Year 3, by the end of Year 5, by the end of Year 7 and by the end of Year 9. Information on the ELs can be found at http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/7301.html - this information is clear, user-friendly and a great way of keeping learning on track.

3. **Literacy and Numeracy Benchmarks for Years 3, 5, and 7**
   Benchmarks or standards to investigate for literacy (English) and numeracy (Maths) are the nationally agreed, minimum acceptable standards in literacy and numeracy. They illustrate standards and include work samples for Years 3, 5 and 7.
   http://online.curriculum.edu.au/numbench/

4. **Assessment**
   Sample assessment bank items up to Year 10: http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/3162.html.
   NAPLAN information and materials for practice: http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/8017.html

a. **Essential Learnings -** Sample Unit Planning Templates:
   http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/downloads/early_middle/qcar_using_el_handout_2.pdf.

b. **Modules of work**
   The QSA has a selection of free **ready made units of work** with cross-curricular tasks.
   http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/7302.html and click on "**Sourcebook modules**" of work for each subject. Levels 1 & 2 are Years 1-3, Level 3 – Years 4 & 5, Level 4 – Years 6 & 7, Level 5 – Years 8 & 9, Level 6 – Year 10 up.

c. **Year 10** - http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/7070.html - guidelines for Year 10 subject areas e.g. Business Studies.
   Learning Options and Advice provides information about educational choices for senior studies including traineeships, vocational courses and career development.
   http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/yr10_guide_learning_options.pdf
   Senior Education and Training plan (SET plan) and *Senior Career Planning*
   https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/12650.html

d. **Senior Studies (Year 10-12)** For information about senior subjects: http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/10-12.html
   For different pathways to tertiary studies and information on the Queensland Certificate of Education:
   http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/589.html
   For **Learning Account** Registration and Information: https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/index.html

e. **Special Education** Parents make minor, moderate or extensive adjustments to support their child's learning.

   Below Year Level Adjustments e.g. reduced quantity, extra time, rewording instructions, increased font size, alternate spelling lists, modified texts, clear teaching of social / organisational skills, as required
   http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/downloads/p_10/qklg_pd_child_disab_info.pdf

   Above Year Level Adjustments e.g. faster pace, increasing complexity, higher levels of thinking, greater independence
   For information and practical tools to support students who are gifted, http://www.austega.com/gifted/
   The Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children http://www.qagtc.org.au/

5. **The Assessment for Learning website can assist with planning and assessment for Years 1-10.**
   Units of work: http://www.assessmentforlearning.edu.au/assessment_tasks/assessment_tasks_landing.html

6. **Multiple Intelligences and Bloom's Taxonomy -** information on **learning styles** and **thinking skills:**
   - Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences: http://www.thomasarmstrong.com/multiple_intelligences.htm
   - Benjamin Bloom's Taxonomy of thinking skills:
     http://www.exquisite-minds.com/idea-of-the-week/blooms-taxonomy-critical-thinking-skills/
   - **Units of work** with thinking skills and diverse learning styles compiled by teachers from various NSW country schools, through the *Rural & Distance Education NSW*
     http://www.rde.nsw.edu.au/library

A selection of useful resources

ABC Television Education - Schools TV programs and extended resources http://www.abc.net.au/schoolstv/

Examples of recommended resources:

- *ABC Splash* http://splash.abc.net.au/ ABC TV and Radio, along with Education Services Australia, provide hundreds of videos, audio clips and games which are free to watch and play. There are sections for parents and teachers with articles, blog posts and teaching resources. View alphabetical topic lists for primary and secondary levels, across the curriculum covering - English, maths, science, history and geography.
- *The Surfing Scientist* http://www.abc.net.au/science/surfingscientist/lessonplans/ provides detailed lesson plans, conundrums, tricks and videos. Dr Karl http://www.abc.net.au/science/drkarl/ inspires students in their study of Science.
- *Behind the News* (BTN) investigates current world and national news, putting it into a child friendly context. It also provides background information so that complex issues are more easily understood. http://www.abc.net.au/btn/

Khan Academy http://www.khanacademy.org/ Watch the video, practise with an exercise and learn for free. With a library of over 2,400 videos for **maths**, **physics**, **finance** and **history** with 180 practice exercises. It provides self-paced teaching and revision suitable for independent, visual learners. Parental guidance recommended for exercises.

WebQuests http://webquest.org/search/index.php *WebQuests* are learning experiences designed to encourage thinking and research skills over many different subject areas and year levels. To find a *WebQuest*, visit the "Curriculum x Grade Level Matrix".

eBooks Supplementing home and local libraries, with excellent books available as eBooks from Qld State Library *eBook collection*. Register to get *e-services card* for **free.** http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/ecard/. E-card is posted after parents sign permission form, to allow access to any e-resources, including the *TumbleBook* library. Includes supportive activities and games to motivate and educate.

Brainboxx http://www.brainboxx.co.uk/A0_shared/pages/index.htm This UK free-to-access website contains material for teachers, parents and children. Theory and practice of innovative learning and teaching is provided, including educational issues and resource materials. It is intended for primary, secondary and lifelong learning. An A-Z index and site map aids searches.

Australian Curriculum Lessons http://www.australiancurriculumlessons.com.au/ English, Maths, Science, History, The Arts and Special Needs lesson ideas aligning with F-10A levels. Each lesson outline includes steps to follow, assessment ideas and resources to use. Designed by and contributed to by educators in Australia.

Kid Info http://www.kidinfo.com/ A '*one-stop-free-shop'* that will take you, through many external links, to quality resources such as learning videos, power points presentations and other websites. Targets early childhood ages upwards (including parents and teachers) to provide homework help, lesson plans, parenting resources & tips, challenging educational games, documentaries.

Cybersmart http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ Developed by the *Australian Communications and Media Authority*, Cybersmart is part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program. *Cybersmart* provides activities, resources and practical advice to help *young kids*, *kids*, *teens* and *parents* safely enjoy the online world. Australian Communications and Media Authority