

# Getting Started with CurricuLLM

A guide for students

## What is CurricuLLM?

CurricuLLM is an AI learning tool built around the Australian and New Zealand curricula. It knows what you're supposed to be learning at your year level and it's designed to help you understand the content better. You can use it in class and at home.

## How is this different from ChatGPT?

If you've used ChatGPT, you'll notice CurricuLLM works differently. ChatGPT gives you answers. CurricuLLM makes you work for them.

That's deliberate. When an AI writes your essay or solves your problem for you, you haven't actually learned anything. CurricuLLM is designed to guide you through the thinking so that you understand the material, not just have a finished product.

It's also more accurate on curriculum content. General AI tools get about 41% of ANZ curriculum questions right. CurricuLLM gets 89%.

## How to log in

Go to [app.curriculum.com](https://app.curriculum.com) and log in with your school email. You'll go straight into chat mode.

## How to actually get something out of it

### Explain your thinking

Don't just type a one-word answer. "I think the reaction is exothermic because the temperature went up" gives CurricuLLM something to work with. "Exothermic" doesn't.

### Push back

If you disagree with something CurricuLLM says, say so. The best learning happens when you challenge ideas, not just accept them.

### Ask follow-up questions

"Can you explain that differently?" or "Why does that matter?" or "How does this connect to what we did last week?" The more you dig in, the more useful it gets.

### Be honest about what you don't know

"I have no idea where to start" is a perfectly valid thing to type. CurricuLLM will break the problem down. Pretending you understand when you don't wastes your time.

### What it won't do

CurricuLLM won't write your essay, solve your maths homework, or give you answers to copy. If you ask it to, it'll redirect you. It's designed that way because the research is clear: you learn by doing the thinking yourself, not by reading someone else's answer.

It also won't go off-topic. If you try to use it for things outside your schoolwork, it will bring you back. It's a learning tool, not a chatbot.

### If something seems wrong

CurricuLLM is much more accurate than general AI tools on curriculum content, but no AI is perfect. If something doesn't seem right, question it. Check with your teacher or another source. Being able to critically evaluate what an AI tells you is one of the most important skills you can develop.

## Technical stuff

CurricuLLM works in any web browser on any device — laptop, tablet, phone, Chromebook. There's nothing to install. If something isn't working, let your teacher know.

You can use it at home as well as in class. Same login, same address: [app.curriculum.com](https://app.curriculum.com).