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To the Principal  
All Western Australian Primary Schools

Dear Principal

I am writing to provide you with an update of work being undertaken by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). Before I move to the updates, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the amazing efforts invested in making the start of this year, in relation to the Authority's activities, so successful. I am aware of the impact that the early scheduling of NAPLAN has had on all schools and recognise that many adjustments were required by schools to be able to prepare for and administer the assessments. On behalf of all members of the Board, my sincere thanks.

### **NAPLAN 2023**

One of the reasons NAPLAN was moved to earlier in the year was to provide schools with school aggregated achievement data and individual student reports earlier than in previous years. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has recently notified the Authority, as the administrator of NAPLAN for Western Australia, that the 2023 Student and School Summary Report (SSSR) will be released to schools in late June. At this stage, it is anticipated that Individual Student Reports (ISRs) will be released in early Term 3. Further updates will be communicated through the Authority's *NAPLAN Update*.

As you would be aware, from this year, reports will indicate student achievement in terms of four proficiencies – Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. Supporting documentation will also be provided that will explain to parents and students what the proficiencies indicate and where each child sits in relation to his/her cohort. For 2023, the Authority's K–10 Testing team has developed a report that will be provided to schools, at the same time as the SSSR, which will provide the Proficiency Standard for each of their Years 3 and 5 students in each of their NAPLAN tests.

### **Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum Version 9 within the Western Australian curriculum**

As part of the State Government's 2023–24 Budget, \$24.3 million has been committed to support the Authority to adopt and adapt the Australian Curriculum Version 9 within the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*. This work has commenced and is being undertaken to reflect the feedback that was received from over 1800 teachers from across primary and secondary schools who participated in public consultation workshops in 2021.

As always, the Board of the Authority and its staff, aims to continue to support principals and teachers with a high-quality curriculum with explicit standards which are clearly exemplified, well developed assessments and examinations. We welcome your feedback and trust that together we will continue to provide all students with the very best opportunity to establish a sound foundation for their learning today and into the future as lifelong learners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P White'.

**PAULINE WHITE**  
**CHAIR**  
**SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY**

13 June 2023