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To the Principal
 All Western Australian Primary Schools

Dear Principal

I am writing with an update on the work of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). I hope Term 3 has started well for you.

Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9

The Authority continues to support schools to implement the Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science, and Technologies learning areas as part of adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9 within the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* (the *Outline*). Thank you for encouraging and supporting your staff to participate in the professional learning provided by the Authority in Semester 1.

Languages and The Arts (Pre-primary to Year 10) remain in the familiarisation phase. In Semester 1, 2026, the Authority supported schools through targeted professional learning, including one day of teacher relief funding for schools with students in these year levels. This funding may also be used to support whole-school planning for implementation in 2027.

The Authority is offering further online briefings and workshops in Term 3 to support schools with familiarisation with the revised Pre-primary to Year 10 Languages and The Arts Curriculum. Sessions include one-hour curriculum familiarisation briefings, repeating the sessions offered in Term 2, as well as half-day workshops for teachers in remote and regional areas and those unable to attend the remaining scheduled in-person workshops.

Registration for the briefings and workshops is via the Authority Events page at <https://scsa.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/all-events>. Further information about curriculum familiarisation is available at <https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/resources/revised-western-australian-curriculum-familiarisation>.

The Western Australian Curriculum, as published in the *Outline*, remains mandated for all Western Australian schools and must continue to be implemented until advised otherwise. Schools will be required to teach the revised year-level curriculum for Languages and The Arts from 2027.

Aboriginal Histories and Cultures

I was pleased to attend the launch of the Authority's Humanities and Social Sciences: History Year 5 and Year 9 curriculum support resources – *'The Pinjarra Massacre: Truth-telling: An apology on October 28, 2025 to the Bindjareb Noongar people by His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM Governor of Western Australia'*.

The resources include eight lessons for the mandated Western Australian Curriculum using primary sources for truth-telling through the lens of Governor Dawson's apology for the Pinjarra Massacre. They cover curriculum content relating to country and people, and the effects of colonisation, the Pinjarra Massacre, and truth-telling and remembrance.

The lessons support students to critically examine different perspectives and understand how perspectives change over time, in a culturally sensitive and age-appropriate manner.

The resources are available on the Authority website at

<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/wa-curriculum/learning-areas/humanities-and-social-sciences/p-10-hass-teaching>.

I would like to thank the many people involved in the development of the resources, including His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM Governor of Western Australia and Mrs Dawson along with the Reference Group featuring representatives of the school systems/sector, experienced educators, Government House and community members. The Authority is grateful to the Traditional Owners, Elders, nominated representatives, educators, copyright owners and other contributors whose knowledge, advice and generosity strengthened the authenticity and purpose of the materials.

The Authority is working with the school systems/sector to develop and deliver professional learning to support teachers in using the resources. The professional learning will focus on the key content, sequencing of learning, accompanying resources and trauma-informed practice considerations. Further details will be communicated in upcoming Circulars.

Multi-age group classes

I would like to remind teachers of the valuable resources available to support planning for multi-age group classes. Resources that exemplify an approach to planning for teaching and learning in multi-age group classrooms in primary schools are available at <https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/teaching-support-materials>.

These teacher support materials illustrate an approach developed by the Authority, and include a planning process diagram, planning templates and sample teaching and learning plans to support teachers planning for multi-age classes.

I wish you all the best for the semester ahead.

Yours sincerely



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