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To all Western Australian school principals

EARLY RELEASE OF PHASE 2 AND 3 PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 10 SYLLABUSES

I am pleased to announce that the School Curriculum and Standards Authority will today release the following year syllabuses for Phase 2 and 3 of the P-10 Western Australian Curriculum: Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Technologies and The Arts.

Developed through extensive consultation and collaboration with Western Australian teachers, the Authority has made the curriculum more manageable by:

- identifying core content and additional content for Phase 2 and 3 learning areas/subjects;
- changing organisation of the Australian Curriculum from bands to year-level syllabuses; and
- developing the Humanities and Social Sciences learning area to include Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography and History.

The syllabuses will be available on the Authority's website via the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*. The new syllabuses will be available to schools five months ahead of schedule, giving teachers extra time to familiarise themselves with the content.

The Authority has consulted extensively with the Primary Curriculum and Assessment Committee, the Primary and Secondary Principals' Forums, practising classroom teachers, professional associations and school systems and sector representatives.

Classroom teachers were involved in a number of ways:

- as critical readers for scope and sequence, core and additional content and developing syllabuses;
- in developing assessment tasks and activities to support the implementation of the curriculum;
- in providing guidance about the nature and content of teacher support material videos; and
- in implementing assessment tasks to collect work samples to develop an evidence base for Judging Standards materials.

Teacher resources and achievement standards will be available for Humanities and Social Sciences and Health and Physical Education at the beginning of 2016.

Resources and achievement standards for Technologies and The Arts will be progressively uploaded from the beginning of 2016.

The Languages syllabuses will be available to schools for familiarisation at the beginning of Semester 2, 2016.

Full implementation of Humanities and Social Sciences and Health and Physical Education is expected to be in place in all schools with first reporting to parents by the end of Semester 1, 2017.

Full implementation of The Arts, Technologies and Languages is expected to be in place in all schools with first reporting to parents by the end of Semester 1, 2018.

By 2018, all syllabuses will become part of the mandated curriculum for the planning, assessment and reporting of student progress in Western Australia, as prescribed by the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline*. The *Outline* will contain assessment best practice, research, assessment activities and tasks and Judging Standards resources.

I strongly encourage you to continue working with your staff and members of your school community as we transition into familiarising and implementing the new syllabuses.

My best wishes for a successful term ahead.

Kind regards



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