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To the Principal
All Western Australian Primary Schools

### Dear Principal

After a busy Term 1, I am pleased to share an update on the work of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). The progress made by the Authority has involved the support and input of many teachers and school leaders. I would like to acknowledge the importance of these contributions to the Authority being able to deliver on its remit.

# Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9 within the Western Australian curriculum

The curriculum support materials for Years 3–10 English and Health and Physical Education have been updated to align with the revised Western Australian curriculum adopted and adapted from the Australian Curriculum version 9 within the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline (the Outline). These materials, which include teaching, learning and assessment exemplars, are indicated by 'Updated' in the title and are available at:

- https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/wa-curriculum/learning-areas/english/p-10-english-teaching and
- <a href="https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/wa-curriculum/learning-areas/health-and-physical-education/p-10-hpe-teaching">https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/wa-curriculum/learning-areas/health-and-physical-education/p-10-hpe-teaching</a>.

# Professional learning – Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science and Technologies

Online and in-person meetings to support schools with familiarisation with the Western Australian curriculum for Pre-primary to Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science and Technologies are taking place this term. The Authority will provide teacher relief funding to support schools to be flexible in how staff access this professional learning. Staff can register at <a href="https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/events/western-australian-curriculum-implementation">https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/events/western-australian-curriculum-implementation</a>.

#### **Consultation – The Arts**

As part of the Adopt and Adapt project, the Authority is seeking additional input to further refine the Content descriptions, Achievement standards, and Year level descriptions for The Arts curriculum. To guide this phase of consultation, a meeting will be held in early May with the members of the K–2, 3–6 and 7–10 Curriculum Advisory Committees, along with other nominated individuals. The revised curriculum is expected to be approved for familiarisation in 2026 with full implementation in 2027.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This year's NAPLAN was conducted between Wednesday, 12 and Monday, 24 March. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard in administering the assessment and the many teachers who participated as markers.

The preliminary Student and School Summary Report (SSSR), which provides feedback on how students and cohorts of students within schools performed on NAPLAN tests, is now available for schools. The final SSSR, which includes the NAPLAN writing component, is anticipated to be available to schools in mid-June. The Individual Student Report (ISR) will follow early in Term 3. Further information will be provided through the NAPLAN Update.

## Schools Unique Student Identifier (USI)

The Schools Unique Student Identifier (USI) is one of five national enabling initiatives under the *Better and Fairer Schools Agreement*. The Australian Government identifies the Schools USI as supporting schools with enrolment of students moving between states and territories.

As you know, students in Western Australia from Kindergarten (when registered at a school) to Year 12 have a Western Australian student number (WASN). The Authority administers the WASN and will reduce workload impact for schools by centralising administration of the Schools USI. The Authority will work with the Australian Government to link the Schools USI to the WASN. Schools will be informed about each of their students' Schools USI and the WASN will continue to be the primary student identifier for schools to use in the Authority's data-related processes. The Australian Government has indicated that implementation of the Schools USI will commence from 2027 and further information will be provided soon.

I wish you all the best for a productive and rewarding Term 2.

Yours sincerely

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