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**To the Principal
All Western Australian Secondary Schools**

Dear Principal

As we begin Term 4, I write to update you on work undertaken by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) in relation to its responsibilities for the development and accreditation of courses and standards, assessment and certification of student achievement.

Consultation – Proposed changes to the Pre-primary to Year 10 Western Australian Health and Physical Education curriculum

After reviewing the Australian Curriculum version 9 (endorsed by Education Ministers on 1 April 2022) the Authority is prioritising changes to the Western Australian Pre-primary to Year 10 Health and Physical Education curriculum content related to consent and examples of first aid.

I encourage you and your staff to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the curriculum, via the link below. The consultation period is open until 4 November 2022: Health and Physical Education Scope and sequence:

<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/p10-consultation-drafts/hpe-p10-consultation-draft>.

Online consultation briefings regarding the proposed changes to the Western Australian curriculum for Health and Physical Education will be conducted from 17–20 October 2022. Registration for these briefings is now open via the event pages:

<https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/events/consultation-proposed-changes-to-the-scope-and-sequence-for-p6-english-for-phonics-and-word-knowledge,-and-p10-health-and-physical-education-for-consent,-and-examples-of-first-aid>.

Other aspects of the Western Australian curriculum for Health and Physical Education will be considered during a later phase of the process for adapting and/or adopting the Australian Curriculum version 9.

The Authority will consider the feedback it receives from the consultation period, and then finalise the curriculum. The revised Western Australian curriculum for Health and Physical Education will be published on the Authority's website and be available to schools from 2023. This will enable teachers to become familiar with the curriculum before formal implementation in 2024.

Teachers must continue to implement the current mandated Western Australian curriculum until advised otherwise.

Review of Year 11 and Year 12 syllabuses

On behalf of the Authority Board, I would like to thank all Principals, your teaching staff and members of the Authority's Curriculum Advisory Committees who have contributed to the development and review of several Years 11 and 12 ATAR and General syllabuses. I am pleased to advise that the following course syllabuses have been reviewed and endorsed by the Board. In addition, a number of new Languages syllabuses have also been endorsed for implementation.

Year 12 ATAR syllabuses for implementation in 2023*

- Chinese: First Language
- Geography
- Drama
- Media Production and Analysis

* Year 11 ATAR syllabuses implemented in 2022

Year 11 ATAR syllabuses for implementation in 2023 and Year 12 ATAR syllabuses for implementation in 2024

- Computer Science
- Design
- Economics
- Music
- Psychology
- Hindi: Second Language
- Hindi: Background Language
- Korean: Second Language
- Korean: Background Language
- Tamil: Second Language
- Tamil: Background Language

Year 11 General syllabus for implementation in 2023 and Year 12 General syllabus for implementation in 2024)

- Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies

Specific information regarding the syllabus changes can be located on the course page through the Authority's website (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/>).

Year 12 ATAR Physical Education Studies school-based assessment validation pilot

I am pleased to advise that the Year 12 ATAR Physical Education Studies school-based assessment validation pilot has concluded, and I would like to thank all schools who participated for their support. Staff time and the expertise of validators was crucial to the success of the pilot.

A report on the pilot will be considered by the Board at its next meeting, and will inform the next steps in relation to the review of the practical examination in the Year 12 ATAR Physical Education Studies course.

NAPLAN 2023

Last term, your schools would have received a package of information in preparation for NAPLAN being conducted in Term 1, 2023. I trust that this information has been helpful for your school planning and for providing advice for parents. During Term 4, 2022, the Authority will communicate with nominated officers who have NAPLAN responsibilities in schools regarding the administrative requirements for the early timelines in 2023. Further information will be provided through the Authority's NAPLAN Update in early November.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Authority via info@scsa.wa.edu.au should you have any questions regarding the matters in this correspondence.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, may I thank you and your staff for your ongoing collaboration with the Authority, to ensure improved learning outcomes for students. Best wishes to you and your staff for Term 4.

Yours sincerely



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