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To The Principal  
All Western Australian Primary Schools

Dear Principal

It has been a busy year, and I would like to provide an update on the work of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) as we work towards the end of the year.

### **Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9 in the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline***

Our work to adopt and adapt the Australian Curriculum version 9 within the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* has continued throughout 2024. The Western Australian curriculum for the English and Health and Physical Education learning areas has been available for familiarisation in 2024 and for implementation in 2025. In addition, consultation has taken place for Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science and Technologies this year. The syllabuses for these learning areas will be available for familiarisation in 2025 and implementation in 2026. Details of the arrangements for The Arts and Languages learning areas will be communicated to schools early in 2025.

The Authority will continue to support schools to implement the revised Western Australian curriculum for English and Health and Physical Education throughout 2025. The Authority's curriculum support materials will be updated to align with the revised curriculum and will include examples of approaches to teaching, learning and assessment strategies, consistent with the Principles of Teaching, Learning and Assessment. To further enhance understanding of these curriculum changes, professional learning modules will be made available for schools to access via the Authority website. The Authority will also provide ongoing guidance and relevant updates through its communication channels, including online circulars.

### **Early years videos**

The Authority launched an initial series of videos earlier this year. The videos were produced to support teaching and learning practices across the Early Years Phase of Schooling from Kindergarten to Year 2 that reflect the expectations in the Authority's *Kindergarten and Pre-primary Statement*

<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/principles/guiding-principles/phases-of-schooling>.

I am pleased to advise that some new videos are now available at <https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/early-years/early-childhood-teaching-and-learning-videos>. A key focus of these is to illustrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, not only to support our early childhood educators but also the teaching of the revised Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum, available for familiarisation in 2025. The Authority is also supporting the training of early childhood teachers by developing a video for the Western Australian universities to use with pre-service teachers to enhance their understanding of teaching in the early years.

### **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for developing and centrally managing the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The School Curriculum and Standards Authority is the Test Administration Authority in Western Australia for NAPLAN.

Next year will be the third in the new time series, and 2025 will be the first of the new data sets to compare the progress of cohorts: Year 3 in 2023 with Year 5 in 2025, Year 5 in 2023 with Year 7 in 2025, Year 7 in 2023 with Year 9 in 2025.

NAPLAN 2025 will run from Wednesday, 12 March until Monday, 24 March. Further details are published in the *Activities Schedule* and on the Authority website.

### **Thank you**

In my letter to Secondary Principals, I have thanked everyone who has been a part of the Year 12 students' learning journey. I would like to extend that thanks to everyone in Primary schools who has been a part of that work. The success of students begins in Kindergarten and extends through the Primary years into Secondary school. You will have farewelled this year's Year 12 cohort quite some time ago, but your efforts have carried through with them and I would like to acknowledge that work.

In closing, I would like to further acknowledge the work of school leaders, teachers and associated staff in Primary schools in 2024. This has been a busy year, and we all still have much to do before we reach the holiday break. I wish you all the best for the remainder of the term.

Yours sincerely



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