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**BOARD OF STUDIES NSW  
ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF NSW  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION NSW  
NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES**

**MEMORANDUM TO PRINCIPALS**

**Update on the Implementation of Australian Curriculum in NSW**

• **K–10 Preparing for English, Mathematics, Science and History**

The Board of Studies anticipates that NSW K–10 syllabuses in English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating K-6 Science and Technology) and History for the Australian curriculum will be ready for publication in September 2012. Support materials to accompany the syllabuses will be published from September to December 2012.

Teachers will be able to familiarise themselves with syllabuses and support materials throughout 2013.

Implementation of the new syllabuses will begin from 2014.

Education sectors have agreed on the following timeline for implementation.

***Kindergarten to Year 6***

	2011–12	2013	2014	2015	2016
ENGLISH	Syllabus and Support Material Development Release Materials by December 2012 Sectors plan implementation support	Familiarisation and Planning	K–6		
MATHEMATICS			Optional	K–6	
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY			Optional	K–6	
HISTORY				Optional	K–6

***Years 7–10***

	2011–12	2013	2014	2015
ENGLISH	Syllabus and Support Material Development Release Materials by December 2012 Sectors plan implementation support	Familiarisation and Planning	7, 9	8, 10
MATHEMATICS			7, 9	8, 10
SCIENCE			7, 9	8, 10
HISTORY			7, 9	8, 10

- **Senior Secondary**

The Board of Studies NSW will continue to coordinate the formal NSW response to consultation on ACARA's senior secondary draft curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science and Physics) and History (Ancient and Modern). Details of the consultation can be found on the Board's website at:

[www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/11-12-eng-maths-sci-hist.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/11-12-eng-maths-sci-hist.html)

The consultation is considering Australian curriculum content for feedback to ACARA. Course structure, syllabuses, achievement standards, Higher School Certificate assessment and credentialling, will be determined by the Board of Studies.

- **Further Development and Incorporation of Australian Curriculum**

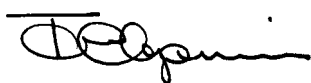
Phases 2 and 3 of Australian curriculum include Geography, Languages, the Arts, Health and Physical Education and Technologies. The Board of Studies will continue to coordinate the formal NSW response to Phases 2 and 3 as the draft Australian curriculum becomes available.

The Board will follow its regular cycle of curriculum evaluation and review which will identify priorities for curriculum renewal.

When a current syllabus or learning area is identified for renewal the Board will take the opportunity to incorporate Australian curriculum content.

In all cases, all schools are required to implement current approved NSW Syllabuses until otherwise advised by the Board.

This process will enable NSW education sectors and schools to determine the priorities and pace of curriculum renewal in NSW.



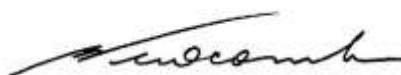
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