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Dear Principal

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM IN NSW**

The NSW Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, today announced a change in the timeframes for the teaching of the Australian curriculum in NSW.

The Minister's announcement will mean that new K–10 syllabuses for Mathematics, English, Science and History will not be required to be taught before 2014.

The changes announced by the Minister will ensure that there is sufficient time for the finalisation of the syllabuses, in consultation with key stakeholders, and for the preparation of implementation support material in 2012.

This will allow for the implementation of professional development for teachers from 2013, prior to the introduction of the new syllabuses in the classroom in 2014.

The consultation process currently underway, through which the Board is seeking the views of teachers on the draft syllabuses, will not be affected by the announcement of the delay. The Board will continue to seek the views of teachers on the draft syllabuses.

A fuller memorandum setting out implications for schools will be forwarded over the next week.

To read the Minister's announcement, please go to:

[http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/pdf\\_doc/media-release-110809-australian-curriculum.pdf](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/pdf_doc/media-release-110809-australian-curriculum.pdf)

The Board of Studies routinely provides updates on syllabus development on our website [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au), and through the weekly Board Bulletin e-newsletter. You can subscribe to the Board Bulletin from the Latest News section of our website.

Yours sincerely

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**President**

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