CONSULTATION ON THE K-10 DRAFT SYLLABUSES FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE AND HISTORY

The Board of Studies is now seeking the views and input of NSW teachers on draft syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 10 mathematics, science and history. Information on the K-10 English draft syllabus will be available soon.

These draft syllabuses incorporate many of the features that NSW teachers will be familiar with and present the Australian curriculum content as agreed to by Australian education ministers in December 2010.

As with the development of previous syllabuses in NSW, the Board of Studies is committed to consulting with teachers prior to finalising the syllabuses. A number of face-to-face consultation meetings have been organised for metropolitan and regional locations throughout terms 2 and 3. The draft syllabuses will be available online, along with a survey providing the opportunity for teachers and other community members to have their say. For more information on these consultation meetings and the online survey go to http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/phase-1/k-10.html.

The timeline for the appropriate and effective implementation of the new syllabuses in NSW schools has not yet been determined. The implementation schedule will be developed in close consultation with schools, principals and system authorities.

In the meantime, and until new syllabuses are endorsed, schools are required to continue to implement the existing NSW syllabuses.

Education sectors are working closely with principals, teachers and with the Board of Studies NSW to ensure the new syllabuses enhance the already high standard of curriculum in NSW.

Teachers are encouraged to keep abreast of the development of the syllabuses and to participate in the upcoming consultation processes. Information, updates and reminders are communicated through the electronic Board Bulletin available to all teachers by subscription on the Board of Studies website.

Yours sincerely

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