



Adrian Piccoli MP

Minister for Education

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MINISTER LAUNCHES NSW K-10 ONLINE SYLLABUSES

Education Minister Adrian Piccoli today launched the new English, Mathematics, History and Science syllabuses for students from Kindergarten to Year 10, giving teachers online access to syllabuses including Australian curriculum content, anywhere, any time, on a variety of devices in three clicks or less.

The Board of Studies NSW coordinated the syllabus development process, which included wide consultation with teachers, parent bodies, academics, teacher unions and professional associations across all education sectors.

“We asked teachers about the best way to deliver curriculum and we acted on their feedback,” Mr Piccoli said.

“The result is a ‘teacher friendly’ curriculum in a format that is clean, innovative and easy to use in the classroom and gives the capacity to link to worldwide resources.

“The quality of the syllabuses will enrich the teaching and learning experience with NSW students being the ultimate beneficiaries.”

The Minister also announced that the Government has provided an additional \$25 million in funding over the next two years to specifically support NSW schools to introduce the new syllabuses.

“Of that funding, the government school sector will receive \$22.8 million with most of the additional funding going to NSW Government Schools to support teacher professional development, and the non-government sector will receive \$2.2 million,” Mr Piccoli said.

“And following advice from the Board of Studies, and agreed by the Department of Education and Communities an additional School Development Day will be provided for all teachers in NSW Government schools on Tuesday April 30. This follows a School Development Day that is already scheduled for the beginning of Term 2 on Monday April 29.”

Non-government schools will make their own arrangements for teacher development in relation to the new curriculum.

In July, the Board of Studies NSW and heads of the education sectors released a schedule for curriculum implementation to all principals.

The schedule will give teachers the time they need to work with the syllabuses throughout the remainder of 2012 and 2013 for introduction in the classroom at the start of 2014.

According to the President of the Board, Mr Tom Alegounarias, adoption of national curriculum content into NSW syllabuses is a significant achievement.

“The Board focuses on continuous improvement and spent a lot of time working with teachers to make sure we presented the syllabuses in a familiar and constructive manner and developed resources that will help them every step of the way,” Mr Alegounarias said.

“And it’s not just limited to teachers, every parent and student in the state now has a clear idea of what they can be expected to learn, and at what stage.”

The Board is already working on additional support for NSW teachers including development of an interactive teaching program builder which will integrate with the new online syllabus and web-based resources.

Syllabuses Online will be live on the Board’s website following the launch. A range of support materials for teachers and parents is available online and in hard copy.

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