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LAUNCH OF PROGRAM BUILDER FOR NSW TEACHERS

NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli and Strathfield MP Charles Casuscelli yesterday visited Homebush Boys High School to launch Program Builder, a new support technology for teachers preparing to introduce new syllabuses in NSW schools.

“This is an exciting development for teachers,” Mr Piccoli said.

“From next year, teachers in all school sectors will start to implement new syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science and History in Kindergarten to Year 10. For the first time, these syllabuses incorporate the Australian curriculum content.

“To support that work, the Board of Studies NSW has developed Program Builder – an online tool for teachers to use when developing teaching and learning programs for these syllabuses in their classes.

“Program Builder was developed in consultation with teachers and supports the different ways teachers plan programs to meet the needs of all students in their classes.

“This is about giving teachers in NSW access to high quality resources.

“We have already announced an additional professional development day for teachers to use in preparation for the new syllabuses. Coupled with the online syllabus website that was launched last year, Program Builder is a great tool for teachers in the lead up to 2014,” Mr Piccoli said.

Mr Piccoli said there were enhancements planned for Program Builder that would give teachers access to outcomes in all K-6 subjects and links to a range of national and international online resources.

“These measures will build a growing bank of quality resources available to support the work of our teachers,” Mr Piccoli said

According to the President of the Board of Studies NSW, Mr Tom Alegounarias, the interactivity and flexibility of Program Builder is one of its most significant features.

“Not only can teachers access syllabus information online, they can now prepare lessons and seamlessly transfer information without having to ‘cut and paste’ from other documents and resources.

“The Board believes access to Program Builder will benefit all teachers.

“We are proud of Program Builder as it enhances the ability of teachers plan for what they do best – educate our children,” Mr Alegounarias said.

E syllabus: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/new-nsw-k10-syllabus/>

Implementation schedule: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/australian-curriculum/pdf_doc/120731-memo-to-principals-update-on-ac-implementation.pdf

Link to PROGRAM BUILDER: <https://pb.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

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