Video Transcript – Our Roles and Responsibilities

Established as an independent statutory authority in 2012, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority is responsible for Kindergarten to Year Twelve curriculum, assessment, standards and reporting for all Western Australian schools.

A number of approved international schools also deliver the Western Australian Curriculum by arrangement with the Authority.

We are adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum to reflect the context of Western Australian schools and meet the needs of our teachers and students.

The timeline we have set is responsive to feedback from schools, maintaining our commitment to providing opportunities for familiarisation while moving towards full implementation.

For Kindergarten to Year 10, the curriculum is brought together in the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline.

The Outline includes the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines; the curriculum content that students should be taught at each year level; the Pre-primary to Year 10 curriculum and standards of achievement in each learning area; a mandated policy for reporting student achievement; and annotated student work samples, which are a valuable reference point for teachers.

The Authority has responsibility for the moderation of assessment and grading, helping to ensure the comparability of reporting of student achievement across all schools throughout the State.

We are also responsible for the certification of student achievement at the completion of their secondary schooling.

We accredit the syllabuses for Year 11 and 12 courses; set the standards for student achievement in each course; determine policies for assessment, grading and the reporting of student achievement; set and mark Year 12 ATAR course examinations; and set and moderate externally set tasks for Year 12 General and Foundation courses.

The Western Australian Certificate of Education, the WACE, is recognised nationally and awarded to senior secondary school students who satisfy its requirements.

At the end of their senior secondary schooling, outstanding students are granted exhibitions and awards from the Authority.

We administer standardised tests, including NAPLAN and the OLNA; and provide reports on standards of student achievement in Western Australian schools.

Our wide range of publications, information and support material is available through our website.

To keep up-to-date with the latest developments, you can also subscribe to our regular K to 10 and 11 to 12 circulars via our home page.

By taking a cross-sectoral approach and working closely with teachers, schools and the community, we are delivering high-quality materials and support to Western Australia’s teachers and students.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority – providing quality curriculum, assessment and reporting of standards of achievement of all students studying the Western Australian Curriculum.