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To the Principal
All Western Australian Primary Schools

Dear Principal

With the start of a new school year upon us, I trust you had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing break and are returning to work rested and refreshed and looking forward to your students' return. As we begin our work for 2024, I am pleased to share the following information with you on behalf of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) Board.

Strategic Plan and Priorities

The *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Strategic Plan 2024–2027*, (the *Strategic Plan*) is the framework which articulates the Authority's strategic directions, including its vision, values and goals. The Strategic Plan is now available on the Authority website, along with an overview of the Board's priorities for 2024, at <https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/about-us/strategic-plan>.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

You will be aware that, in 2023, the administration of NAPLAN moved from Term 2 to Term 1. The dates for 2024 NAPLAN are 13 March – 25 March. The Authority's training modules for Principals, NAPLAN coordinators, Test administrators, and School technical support officers are now available. I encourage you, and members of your team, to complete the relevant training at your earliest convenience. Remember to check the Authority website for information for schools at <https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/schools>.

To support schools to prepare for NAPLAN 2024 an online WebEx briefing is scheduled for 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2024 and repeated at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 15 February 2024. Register via <https://scsa.wa.edu.au/events/naplan-2024-preparation>.

Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines (the Guidelines)

The revised *Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines* were released on 18 August 2023, reflecting the changes to the *Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)* version 2.0 as a result of the Australian Government's review completed in 2022. The *Guidelines* articulate stronger connections to the *EYLF* to support the holistic development of Kindergarten children and their transition into the Pre-primary year of schooling. The Authority will provide teachers with an opportunity to attend either face-to-face or online sessions to support planning with the *Guidelines* during Term 1.

Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline (the Outline)

The Western Australian curriculum, as published in the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/>) continues to be the mandated Pre-primary to Year 10 curriculum for Western Australia and must continue to be implemented.

The content revisions to the Western Australian Curriculum for English (Pre-primary to Year 6) for phonics and word knowledge and Health and Physical Education (Pre-primary to Year 10) for consent and first aid are included in the curriculum for teaching this year. Teachers were able to attend online sessions to familiarise themselves with the changes during 2023. All other aspects of the curriculum remain unchanged for 2024. There are no changes to the achievement standards.

Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9.0

The Authority continues the adoption and adaption of the Australian Curriculum version 9 to the Western Australian context. In 2023, the Authority completed the review for the English and Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Revised Scope and Sequence Statements for English and Health and Physical Education are now accessible in the *Outline* (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/>). Schools will be able to use 2024 for familiarisation with the changes, ahead of implementation in 2025. Summaries of revisions have also been published and both face-to-face and online sessions will be offered to support familiarisation during this year.

During 2024, the Authority will continue with the adoption and adaption of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Science and Technologies curriculum to the Western Australian context, working with its Curriculum Advisory Committees. Teachers will be able to attend consultation sessions, both face-to-face and online, during the course of this year.

New Western Australian Languages curriculum

To complement the existing suite of Pre-primary to Year 10 Languages within the *Outline*, Punjabi: Second Language is now available for implementation. The Authority recognises for Western Australian Aboriginal students, learning their own language is crucial to their identity and overall learning and achievements. The Western Australian Aboriginal Languages (Language Revival) template has been developed for communities to develop language specific curricula and the provision of language learning programs in schools. Access to these documents is via the Authority's website (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/curriculum-browser/languages>).

I encourage you and your teachers to subscribe to the Authority's monthly online *eCircular* at <https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/circulars>.

Acknowledgments

I would like to welcome Dr Lilly Brown to the Board of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and thank Adjunct Professor Dr Lyn Henderson-Yates for her contribution to the work of the Board.

I wish you all the very best for 2024 and we look forward to working with you over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely



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