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To the Principal
All Western Australian Primary Schools

Dear Principal

As we begin a new school year, 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 2023, I am pleased to share the following information with you on behalf of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) Board.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

You will be aware that the administration of NAPLAN has moved from Term 2 to Term 1 in 2023. This change means results will be available earlier. In turn, you will be able to use them in your work with students and parents to target areas for student improvement.

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 an online Webex briefing is scheduled for 2.30 pm on 6 February 2023.

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.

Adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9.0

We continue the work to update the Western Australian curriculum, including developing a plan to 'adopt and adapt' the Australian Curriculum. In December 2022, the Board endorsed revisions to the Western Australian Curriculum for English and Health and Physical Education. The changes only affect Pre-primary to Year 10 curriculum content for consent, first aid and Pre-primary to Year 6 curriculum content for phonics and word knowledge. There are no changes to the achievement standards. All other aspects of the Health and Physical Education and English curriculum remain unchanged.

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 2023 for familiarisation with the changes, ahead of implementation in 2024. Summaries of revisions have also been published and online sessions will be offered to support familiarisation.

New Western Australian Languages curriculum

To complement the existing suite of Pre-primary to Year 10 Languages within the *Outline*, Western Australian Aboriginal Languages Noongar (Language Revival), Hindi, Korean and Tamil second language syllabuses are now available for implementation and are accessible via the Authority website (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/curriculum-browser/languages>).

Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines

Given the recent release of the updated *Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia V2.0, 2022* (EYLF) by the Australian Government, we look forward to finalising the Authority's *Draft Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines* (the *Guidelines*) and our Pre-primary–Year 2 resources. The *Guidelines* (<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/kindergarten-curriculum-guidelines>) support educators to develop Kindergarten curriculum for Western Australian children. It is based on the key ideas and related content from the EYLF and supports teachers to construct curriculum to ensure that all children in Kindergarten experience quality teaching and learning.

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

Before I close, I would like to acknowledge some changes to the people with whom we will be working this year. The Board welcomes the new Minister for Education, the Honourable Dr Tony Buti MLA, and thanks our previous Minister, the Honourable Sue Ellery MLC. I wish them both well in their new portfolios. I also wish Allan Blagaich, Executive Director, School Curriculum and Standards (SCS) well as he takes leave until November this year. I welcome Juanita Healy to the role of Executive Director, SCS in Allan's absence.

I wish you all the very best for 2023 and we look forward to working with you over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely



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