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To the Principal
All Schools

Dear Principal

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

The *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* (the *Outline*), accessible via the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website (www.scsa.wa.edu.au) replaces the *Curriculum Framework* and is mandated for all Western Australian schools.

The *Outline* includes:

- guiding principles of teaching, learning and assessment
- *Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines* which complement the *Early Years Learning Framework* and the Australian curriculum
- the Pre-primary to Year 10 English, Mathematics, History* and Science curriculum content including the general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities
- the Pre-primary to Year 10 English, Mathematics, History* and Science curriculum achievement standards
- the Pre-primary to Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Technologies and The Arts syllabuses
- the Pre-primary to Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education (at the beginning of 2016), Technologies and The Arts curriculum achievement standards (progressively from 2016)
- student diversity materials
- assessment resources
- the *Reporting Policy: Pre-primary to Year 10*
- Frequently Asked Questions
- links to useful websites and resources.

*Note: The Phase 1 History curriculum, as originally provided, has been subsumed within a consolidated Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum. Schools have the option of continuing to teach the History curriculum until the end of 2016 when it must be replaced by the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum.

The *Outline* incorporates the Pre-primary to Year 10 curriculum in seven learning areas: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Technologies and The Arts and includes information on general capabilities, cross-curriculum priorities and student diversity. The curriculum for the eighth learning area, Languages, will be available to schools for familiarisation at the beginning of Semester 2, 2016.

The *Outline* is the source of Kindergarten to Year 10 curriculum for all Western Australian students. It provides comprehensive information that schools can use to plan student learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents.

The syllabuses published in the *Outline* should be used by all teachers.

Timelines for implementation

- Implementation of the English, Mathematics and Science curriculum was required from Semester 1, 2015.
- Full implementation of the Humanities and Social Sciences and Health and Physical Education curriculum is expected to be in place in schools with the first reporting on student achievement to parents by the end of Semester 1, 2017.
- Full implementation of Technologies, The Arts and Languages curriculum is expected to be in place in schools with the first reporting on student achievement to parents by the end of Semester 1, 2018.

Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum

Schools currently have the discretion to report student achievement in History and/or the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Authority has now completed the development of a consolidated Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum and this curriculum needs to be implemented from Semester 1, 2017 (or before).

To assist teachers and schools during the transition to the full implementation of the Western Australian curriculum for Humanities and Social Sciences the following information will be available in the *Outline*:

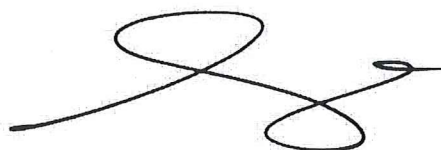
- the current (Phase 1) History curriculum will remain in the *Outline* until the end of 2016 when it will be removed
- the History Judging Standards materials will remain in the *Outline* until the end of 2016 when they will be removed
- the consolidated P-10 Humanities and Social Sciences syllabuses are included in the *Outline* and must be implemented from Semester 1, 2017
- the Humanities and Social Sciences Judging Standards materials will be included in the *Outline* at the beginning of 2016.

We request that you communicate this information to all of your teaching staff and strongly encourage them to use the *Outline* as the basis for their teaching and learning programs.

Yours sincerely



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