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To the Principal  
All Schools

Dear Principal

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 2016 AND 2017**

Further to the letter from the Minister for Education announcing the early release of the Pre-primary – Year 10 (P-10) syllabuses for Phases 2 and 3, we are writing to provide some further clarification in relation to the History and the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) learning area.

The Australian Curriculum for the HASS learning area was developed by ACARA in phases (History Phase 1, Geography Phase 2, Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business Phase 3), each written as a separate discipline.

In the process of adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum for Phases 2 and 3, to develop the Western Australian curriculum, the Authority has made a commitment to the development of a coherent learning area for HASS.

The Authority has developed:

- a learning area overview with a single rationale, set of aims, and organisational structure for HASS
- P-10 year level syllabuses for HASS with core content from each of the subjects (History and Geography commence in Pre-primary, Civics and Citizenship from Year 3, Economics and Business from Year 5)
- a generic set of skills applied across the four subjects
- key concepts for Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business to complement those developed by ACARA for History and Geography.

A single achievement standard for the HASS learning area is currently being developed, using student work sample evidence to set standards through paired comparisons.

Full implementation of both HASS and Health and Physical Education is expected to be in place with first reporting to parents by the end of Semester 1, 2017.

We are aware that schools are currently implementing and reporting on the History curriculum and that during the familiarisation stage of the HASS implementation, some schools may elect to teach and report using the HASS curriculum.

As you are aware, the *Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline* provides the curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements for Western Australian schools.


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

- the History curriculum from Phase 1 will remain in the *Outline*, in conjunction with the HASS P-10 syllabuses, until the end of 2016 when it will be removed
- the History Judging Standards materials will remain in the *Outline*, in conjunction with the new Judging Standards materials for HASS, until the end of 2016 when they will be removed.

Should you require further information, please contact Ms Mandy Hudson, Manager, Primary Curriculum, Assessment and Moderation ([mandy.hudson@scsa.wa.edu.au](mailto:mandy.hudson@scsa.wa.edu.au)).


We wish you and your staff all the best for the remainder of 2015.

Yours sincerely



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