To the Principal
All Schools

Dear Principal

P-10 AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM PHASES 2 AND 3 FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

In an Out of Session Paper to the Standing Committee on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC), the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) advised they would be releasing Australian Curriculum for the remaining Pre-primary to Year 10 (P-10) Phase 2 and 3 subjects in Health and Physical Education, Civics and Citizenship, Technologies, Economics and Business and the Arts as ‘Available for use; awaiting final endorsement’ on the Australian Curriculum website.

ACARA published these documents on 18 February 2014.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) is responsible for the final curriculum content and implementation timelines for Western Australia. We advise that the P-10 Australian Curriculum for Phase 2 and 3 as developed so far by ACARA, requires significant review before it can be implemented in Western Australian schools.

As you may be aware, the State Government has provided funding to the Authority to adapt the P-10 Australian Curriculum to suit the specific needs of Western Australian students. A letter to all schools from the Hon Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Education, on 28 January 2014, outlined the process and timelines for the development and implementation of Phases 2 and 3 of the P-10 Australian Curriculum for Western Australian schools. The Minister’s letter can be accessed via our website at: http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Minister's letter to schools January 2014.

Phase 1 of the P-10 Australian Curriculum, which includes English, mathematics, science and history are currently being taught by most schools and will be fully implemented in Western Australia in 2015.

I encourage you to keep up to date with the latest news and information via the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline website.

Yours sincerely

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