

# Memo

## Implementation of the revised P–10 Australian Curriculum

### Purpose

To advise schools of the status of the review of the P–10 Australian Curriculum and that they should continue to use Version 8.4 of the curriculum in 2022.

### Background

During 2020 and 2021 the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) reviewed the P–10 Australian Curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of students and teachers now and into the future. The review focused on:

- refining and reducing the content in all eight learning areas, especially in Prep – Year 6
- improving the quality of content descriptions and achievement standards
- rationalising content elaborations
- improving how the curriculum is presented online.

During 2021, the QCAA worked closely with school communities to ensure the views of Queensland teachers were heard in the national conversation. More than 1500 teachers and curriculum leaders attended our consultation workshops and webinars, and Queenslanders responded in high numbers to ACARA's public survey. In several learning areas, Queensland stakeholders accounted for more than half of all survey respondents.

The QCAA Board endorsed the Queensland jurisdictional response to the consultation curriculum in July 2021 and provided it to ACARA.

Should education ministers approve the revised curriculum (Version 9.0) at a meeting in November, ACARA intends to publish it on their website in the same month.

### Information

The Queensland Minister for Education has advised the QCAA Board — which includes the heads of the State, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors — that Queensland schools should continue to use Version 8.4 of the P–10 Australian Curriculum in 2022. This approach will allow the QCAA and sectors to:

- review resourcing requirements ahead of implementation of the new version
- formalise an implementation timeline
- roll-out a professional development strategy
- develop resources to support teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools.

The Minister will advise of further decisions on implementation of Version 9.0 of the P–10 Australian Curriculum following consultation with Queensland stakeholders.

## What you need to do

Share the information above with your school community.

## Finding out more

Please email [australian.curriculum@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:australian.curriculum@qcaa.qld.edu.au) or phone (07) 3120 6102.

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