

# Memo

## Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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## Consultation on new syllabuses

### Purpose

To seek feedback from stakeholders on the drafts of three new syllabuses for senior subjects:

- Critical Thinking Short Course
- Cultural Learning Short Course
- Science Extension General (Extension).

### Background

The QCAA has commenced the development of three new syllabuses for senior subjects.

Three syllabus development committees (SDCs) were established to review, refine and draft a subject design brief, syllabus design brief and syllabus for each of these subjects.

The composition of each SDC ensured broad and meaningful representation from:

- rural, remote and urban schools
- each of the three education sectors
- teachers, faculty heads and school leaders
- non-teaching professionals
- academia
- community and cultural leaders.

### Information

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback through online surveys or focus groups which are open from 11 March 2026 to 22 April 2026.

The [Public consultation factsheet](#) is designed to help participants understand what is involved during the consultation process and outlines details including:

- what documents to review and why
- how the online survey and focus groups work
- how to participate.

## What you need to do

- Visit the QCAA [Call for consultation webpage](#).
- Select the syllabus you are interested in (Critical Thinking, Cultural Learning or Science Extension).
- Access the draft documents, survey links and focus group registration for your chosen syllabus.
- Provide feedback via the online survey or participate in a focus group.

Please ensure teachers, students and your school community are aware of this public consultation and encourage their participation.

## Finding out more

Please email the Senior Curriculum Unit at [SCU@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:SCU@qcaa.qld.edu.au)

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