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AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has today made available Australian Curriculum for a number of learning areas.

Curriculum for the arts, health and physical education, technologies, economics and business, and civics and citizenship for Foundation – Year 10 is now available on the Australian Curriculum website – www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

This follows a decision by the Council of federal, state and territory education ministers in November 2013 that the health and physical education, technologies, economics and business, and civics and citizenship curricula should be made available to states and territories for their use. The arts curriculum was formally endorsed in July 2013, subject to further consultation with Western Australia.

The ACARA Board Chair, Professor Barry McGaw, believes that once these subjects are formally endorsed, it will mark another significant moment in Australian education history.

‘The two–three year development of each subject by ACARA has involved a rigorous and robust process to produce a high-quality national curriculum,’ said Professor McGaw.

‘Over the course of the consultation period for the arts, health and physical education, technologies, economics and business, and civics and citizenship, ACARA consulted extensively with government, state and territory education authorities, business, industry and the general public, receiving nearly 5000 submissions.

‘The Australian Curriculum provides young Australians with what they need to learn as they progress through school in the 21st century,’ added Professor McGaw.

‘The Australian Curriculum has been made available based on a decision by all education ministers and to provide teachers, parents and the wider community with the opportunity to view the most recent version of the curriculum,’ said Professor McGaw.

Given the Australian Government’s review of the national curriculum, it also means that all of the F–10 curriculum developed by ACARA is available in one location.

‘We want to ensure openness and that everyone is able to see and read the full scope of what the Australian Curriculum covers,’ added Professor McGaw.

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