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CURRICULUM FOR AUSLAN, CLASSICAL GREEK AND LATIN RELEASED

Language curricula for Auslan, Classical Greek, Latin and the Framework for Classical Languages, which were funded by the Australian Government, have been published following ministerial endorsement. The language curricula are on the Australian Curriculum website: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

“The publication of the Auslan curriculum reflects the importance of Auslan in Australia. The development of curriculum involved collaboration between members of the Deaf community, including organisations, community members, educators, Auslan teachers and leading academics,” says ACARA CEO, Robert Randall.

“There are two pathways for teaching Auslan in schools: the first pathway is for deaf children to access education in and about their language; the second pathway gives hearing children a chance to learn to communicate in Auslan.”

Curricula for Classical Languages have also been published. These languages complement, and form a part of, a wide suite of languages available to study in the Australian Curriculum. Classical Greek and Latin are included in the Australian Curriculum because of their historical significance.

Classical Greek and Latin have been developed from the Framework for Classical Languages. State and territory education and school authorities or schools will have an opportunity to use the Framework as well as Latin and Classical Greek curricula as a guide to developing curriculum for other classical languages currently offered in schools, such as Classical Hebrew and Sanskrit.

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