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NEW RESOURCES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL LEADERS WITH WHOLE-SCHOOL CURRICULUM PLANNING

School leaders across Australia now have access to a new suite of Curriculum leadership resources designed to support the whole-school curriculum planning and implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

Developed and published by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), the resources provide practical tools and expert guidance to help school and curriculum leaders build teacher capability, strengthen teacher collaboration when curriculum planning, and support effective curriculum implementation.

ACARA's Chief Executive Officer Stephen Gniel highlighted how the resources were developed in response to feedback from educators and school leaders seeking practical support for curriculum implementation.

"ACARA is committed to providing practical resources that support high-quality teaching and learning. That's why our new Curriculum leadership resources have been created to help school leaders foster collaborative approaches to curriculum planning in their implementation of the Australian Curriculum," said Mr Gniel.

"Developed in partnership with primary and secondary school educators from across Australia, these new resources provide guidance and tools that schools can adapt to their own context. They are designed to strengthen whole-school approaches to curriculum planning, and help teachers focus on delivering engaging learning experiences for their students.

"These resources will be especially valuable for small schools with multi-age classes. We know that the principals and teachers in these schools have specific workload and resource challenges teaching multiple age groups in the same classroom.

"That's why it is so important that our new high-quality resources can be adapted to meet the needs of different school settings, sectors and communities, helping our teachers to bring the Australian Curriculum to life in their classrooms."

The new Curriculum leadership resources cover 8 key aspects of curriculum planning and implementation:

- Building teacher capability
- Using the Australian Curriculum
- Sequencing learning
- Including all learners
- Aligning curriculum and assessment
- Planning for multi-age classes
- Engaging with the community
- Evaluating resources

School leaders can now access a range of practical resources, including:

- Guiding questions to support professional conversations and planning
- Workshop materials for use with staff teams
- Templates to support planning and goal setting
- The opportunity to undertake interactive reflection
- Research summaries and reading lists
- Illustrations of practice for multi-age planning
- Processes for developing a whole-school approach to sequencing learning across learning areas and year levels.

Each of these 8 sections include downloadable tools, guiding questions, planning templates, workshop materials and practical examples that schools can adapt to their own context.

The resources were developed through extensive consultation with teachers, principals, jurisdictions and education stakeholders from across Australia. They were also piloted in 34 schools across multiple jurisdictions to ensure they are practical, relevant and responsive to the needs of school leaders and educators.

Tim Bullard, CEO of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), was one of the key education partners involved in the resources' development.

"AITSL welcomes ACARA's new Curriculum leadership resources. They reinforce an important idea at the heart of AITSL's work – when teachers and school leaders are supported with the time, trust and structures to learn together, curriculum comes to life in classrooms.

"These resources are a useful guide for those leading curriculum, as they create the conditions for teachers to work together, keep improving and make the curriculum meaningful for the learners."

ACARA's new Curriculum leadership resources were developed as part of the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan, which aims to support teacher retention and reduce unnecessary workload through practical supports and resources.

The resources are available now on the Resources section of the Australian Curriculum website at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources/curriculum-leadership.

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