

## **Australian Curriculum – Progress Summary**

- In December 2012, Ministers agreed to integrate 15 senior secondary subjects into the various state certificates.
- The subjects include English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, and Geography.
- The SACE Board commenced integration in June 2014, in two phases:
  - Phase 1: English (4) and Mathematics (4)
  - Phase 2: Sciences (4), Histories (2), and Geography.

### **Phase 1 progress report**

- Teaching of Stage 1 in 2016.
- Stage 2 implementation workshops: planning is being finalised for delivery in Malaysia and China in Term 1 (English as an Additional Language, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics), and in South Australia/Northern Territory in Term 2, 2016 (all English and mathematics subjects). The Term 2 timeline allows for preparation of exemplar materials in all the English and mathematics subjects, including sample examination papers.
- Teaching of Stage 2 in 2017.

### **Phase 2 progress report**

- Consultation began on 15 February 2016 on Stage 1 and Stage 2 drafts of all four Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, and Physics), the history subjects (Modern History, and Ancient and Classical Studies), and Geography. The consultation is available online for six weeks.
- The drafts will then be revised taking into consideration feedback from the consultation process, and presented to the SACE Board for accreditation in May 2016.
- Both the consultation and accreditation periods for Phase 2 are scheduled one month earlier in 2016 compared to 2015, following feedback from school leaders on Phase 1.
- Stage 1 implementation workshops are scheduled to begin early in Term 3, 2016.
- Stage 1 will be taught in 2017.
- Stage 2 implementation workshops are scheduled to begin in Term 2, 2017 (Term 1 in Malaysia and China, for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics).
- Stage 2 will be taught in 2018.

## Subject Renewal – Progress Summary

### Introduction of Additional Community Studies Option — Community Studies B

- An additional option for Community Studies at Stage 2 is being offered for the first time in 2016.
- The new subject — Community Studies B — provides an additional programming option for schools, and enables students to be taught simultaneously with students studying another Board-accredited Stage 2 subject. For example, a school may plan that in some of their classes (e.g. Physical Education or Biology), students will be able to study a Community Studies B version of the subject from the beginning of the year.
- Community Studies B offers students who have enrolled in a particular Board-accredited subject, but are finding the subject challenging, an opportunity to remain in the original subject class while approaching their learning in that subject area in a different way.
- Students can enrol in a 10-credit or a 20-credit subject, in up to three areas of study:
  - Humanities and the Community
  - STEM and the Community
  - Interdisciplinary Learning and the Community.
- Teachers can register online to attend an implementation workshop this term.

### Renewal of the Agriculture and Horticulture subjects, and Information Technology

#### *Agriculture subjects*

- Using the senior secondary Australian Curriculum for the sciences as a reference, the SACE Board has been working with subject and industry experts on the renewal of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Agriculture and Horticulture subjects.
- Consultation on the new draft subject outlines for Agriculture is scheduled for March–April 2016. The drafts will then be revised taking into consideration feedback from the consultation process, and presented to the Board for accreditation in June 2016.
- The Stage 1 subjects are scheduled to be taught in 2017, and the Stage 2 subjects in 2018. Stage 1 implementation workshops will be held during Term 3 2016. Stage 2 workshops will be held in Term 2 2017.

#### *Information Technology*

- Using the Australian Curriculum F–10 for Digital Technologies as one of the reference points, the SACE Board has been working with subject and industry experts on the renewal of Stage 1 and Stage 2 Information Technology.
- Consultation on the new draft subject outline is scheduled for Term 3 2016.