

Final Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum

Council:

- a agreed to endorse and publish the content for Foundation to Year 10 English, mathematics, science and history as the nation's first Australian curriculum as the basis for implementation of the next stage of the curriculum development process;
- b consistent with best practice principles, and recognising that different states and territories have their own preferred or prescribed curriculum development, approval and implementation requirements, agreed that the next stage towards achieving substantial implementation of the Australian curriculum by 2013 will include:
 - establishing a national common approach to the achievement standards across all States and Territories, and trialling and validating that approach
 - states and territories developing additional material to support effective implementation of the curriculum to accommodate their different curriculum development, approval and implementation requirements
 - further refining and adjusting the curriculum content as a result of validating achievement standards and structured feedback from teachers
 - finalising a clear overarching framework that assures the place and integrity of all learning areas within the context of the overall school curriculum and different State and Territory structures
 - developing the curriculum content and achievement standards as required to meet the needs of special needs students
 - engaging with the teaching profession in the implementation of these processes to ensure comprehensive preparation for substantial implementation by 2013.

- c noted that WA will be involved in the trialling and validation of the achievement standards in 2011 and will commence their widespread implementation when MCEECDYA finalises any refinements and adjustments to the total curriculum package;
- d asked ACARA to coordinate this next stage on behalf of Ministers, and in close consultation with state and territory authorities and educational stakeholders and the teaching profession, and provide regular progress reports to stakeholders and Ministers;
- e asked ACARA to finalise, for Ministers approval, the achievement standards and adjustments and refinements that may need to be made to the curriculum content, and to provide Ministers in February with a workplan that includes key actions and milestones to allow this work to be completed by October 2011.