

Media Release

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ACPPA WELCOMES AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM PROPOSED REVISIONS

The Australian Catholic Primary Principal's Association (ACPPA) welcomes both the clear revisions of the Australian Curriculum for Foundation – Year 10 (F–10) and the open and collaborative way in which ACARA have conducted this process.

It is heartening to see a revision process which looks to raise the bar in student achievement whilst ensuring we are focussed on the student themselves and the challenges and jobs they face in the future.

ACPPA commends the improvements to content descriptions, the reduction of ambiguous requirements, the use of clear use of examples for teaching content and the connections with general capabilities and critical and creative thinking.

ACPPA President, Brad Gaynor says, 'The Australian Curriculum revisions are a positive move forward, but the curriculum is still a concern. Kindergarten to Year 2 must have a focus on evidence-based literacy and numeracy which is based on explicit instruction. These basic skills are paramount with the other learning areas to be added over time. It is still over-crowded, keep simplifying it and focus on the basics. Our students and teachers deserve no less!'

The Australian Curriculum revisions will make a difference and with further consultation, the Australian Curriculum will become a strong and robust tool in the delivery of essential learning for our students now and into the future. It is heartening to see that whilst we look internationally for inspiration and benchmarking, it is our local education specialists who can provide the most comprehensive and detailed input.

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association looks forward to working in collaboration and consultation with ACARA and other key stakeholders on this initiative.

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association (ACPPA) represents over 1200 Catholic Primary School Principals across Australia.

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