

## Memorandum to schools: Professional development and consultation for new courses

17 May 2007

This memo clarifies the arrangements for professional development (PD) following the advice from teacher juries about the readiness of 40 new courses for implementation. It also provides information about opportunities for schools and teachers to feedback about those courses where teacher juries have recommended major content changes.

If you have any questions arising from the information in this memo, please email me at [d.wood@curriculum.wa.edu.au](mailto:d.wood@curriculum.wa.edu.au). Alternatively, you are able to contact specific Curriculum Council officers, whose details are provided at the end of this memo.

### PD for courses proceeding in 2008

Professional development for 17 courses will proceed as planned in 2008. These courses include:

Aboriginal & Intercultural Studies	Health Studies
Aboriginal Languages of WA	Italian
Business Management & Enterprise	Marine & Maritime Technology
Career & Enterprise	Materials Design & Technology
Chinese	Outdoor Education
Computer Science	Philosophy & Ethics
Dance	Plant Production Systems
Design	Psychology
Drama	

The registration deadline for the 1 June 2007 PD day for these courses has been extended. Teachers now have until 21 May to register for 1 June PD in Perth and country sessions as listed on the WACE website at [http://newwace.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/teachers\\_pd2\\_req\\_07.asp](http://newwace.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/teachers_pd2_req_07.asp).

Please note that the Curriculum Council will consider the complete reports from teacher juries at its meeting next week. The jury's specific recommendations about the changes required for the 15 courses proceeding in 2008 will be examined. Decisions will be made at this meeting about whether the changes can be incorporated in time for the PD day on 1 June. Schools will be advised immediately if any further courses are deferred as a result of the time required to make these changes.

### PD for courses deferred to 2009

As a result of teacher jury deliberations, the following 23 courses have been deferred to 2009:

Accounting and Finance	History: Ancient & Modern
Animal Production Systems	Human Biological Science
Automotive Engineering & Technology	Indonesian
Biological Sciences	Integrated Science
Building & Construction	Japanese
Chemistry	Literature
Children, Family & the Community	Music
Economics	Physics
Food Science & Technology	Politics & Law
French	Religion & Life
Geography	Visual Arts
German	

For these courses, the 1 June PD day will not go ahead.

### Consultation initiatives for courses requiring significant changes

Council has been advised that teacher juries have recommended significant changes to some of the courses that have been deferred to 2009. Voluntary consultation seminars will be held on 1 June 2007 for teachers to provide additional feedback. Details about these seminars are listed below:

Course	Time	Venue	Focus
Geography	9am-12pm	Como Secondary College	These sessions will follow-up on jury deliberations and consult participants on key questions relevant to each course.
Literature	9am-12pm	Chisholm Catholic College	
Music	9am-12pm	Aquinas College	
Animal Production Systems	9am-2.30pm	Kelmscott Senior High School	

The seminars are the first in a series of consultation opportunities for these courses.

### Consultation opportunities for mathematics

The period of formal consultation for the two draft mathematics courses has been extended. Completed questionnaires are now due on 4 June 2007. The draft courses and questionnaire are located at [http://newwace.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/teachers\\_courses.asp](http://newwace.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/teachers_courses.asp).

A consultation seminar for mathematics will also be held on 1 June 2007 to provide opportunities for discussion and feedback about the draft courses. Details for this seminar are listed below:

Course	Time	Venue	Focus
Mathematics	9am-12pm	All Saints College	Consult on draft courses.

Teachers interested in attending any of the above consultation seminars, including mathematics, can register by emailing [pdenquiry@curriculum.wa.edu.au](mailto:pdenquiry@curriculum.wa.edu.au) or by using the attached fax return sheet by 25 May 2007.

### PD day on 15 October 2007

Please note that the Council PD day on 15 October 2007 will continue as planned for all courses proceeding in 2008 and 2009 (including mathematics).

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Fax return sheet  
2007 consultation seminars

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**Please indicate the session/s on the 1 June 2007 you wish to attend by ticking the appropriate box:**

Date	Time	Venue	Address	Tick
Literature	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Chisholm Catholic College	1104 Beaufort Street Bedford	
Geography	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Como Secondary College	20 Bruce Street Como	
Music	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Aquinas College	58 Mount Henry Road Salter Point	
Animal Production Systems	9:00 am to 2:30 pm	Kelmscott Senior High School	Cnr Third Avenue and Cammillo Road, Kelmscott	
Mathematics	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	All Saints College	Ewing Avenue Bullcreek	

Alternatively, register by email to [pdenquiry@curriculum.wa.edu.au](mailto:pdenquiry@curriculum.wa.edu.au).

**Please return by Friday, 25 May 2007**