

**Subject:** ALL NEW – AISWA Curriculum and Pedagogy Newsletter!

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## Latest News Curriculum and Pedagogy



ASSOCIATION of INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### A message from the Director of Curriculum and Pedagogy



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Welcome to a new school year, a time filled with promise and fresh opportunities. This year marks an exciting time for AISWA, as we embark on the implementation of a new strategic plan. At the core of this work is a commitment to our member schools and continued support towards upholding and enhancing their reputation for excellence in education.

The Curriculum and Pedagogy Directorate provides a range of programs and services to empower leaders and educators across the sector to meet the evolving needs of their students and communities. Our experienced and highly skilled staff are here to assist you. A large component of this work is the provision of Professional Learning and services. Additionally, behind the scenes, our staff are actively engaged in advocating for the Western Australian Independent Schooling sector at both State and National levels.

Our role includes ensuring that we listen, understand and respond to the needs of our members. To do this effectively, I look forward to connecting with your school to explore how we can best

support and serve your school's aspirations and reach for the stars! I wish you all the best for a prosperous and successful year ahead.

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### Curriculum & Pedagogy

For further information on the Term 1 Professional Learning opportunities listed below, please click the links provided in the table. For additional opportunities, you can also search the [AISWA PL & Event Calendar](#).

Don't forget to check out our diverse range of self-paced online courses, spanning from AI to pedagogy and much more! [Click here](#) to register and start your learning journey.

**Title**

**Event Date**

**Register By**

#### Early Childhood

[Relational Pedagogies and Restorative Practices in the Early Years and beyond](#)

20-Mar-24

15-Mar-24

[Schema Play - Become an accredited Schema Play Educator](#)

25-Mar-24 till 04-Nov-24

18-Mar-24

[On-Entry Assessment : What's Next? - Interpretation and Analysis of On-entry Data](#)

26-Mar-24

20-Mar-24

[On-Entry Assessment : What's Next? - Interpretation and Analysis of On-entry Data ONLINE](#)

26-Mar-24

20-Mar-24

#### Leadership and Learning

[New Principals Network 2024](#)

08-Mar-24 to 08-Nov-24

04-Mar-24

[Aspiring Leaders](#)

11-Mar-24 to 25-Oct-24

06-Mar-24

[Mentors for Early Career Teachers \(Intake 2\)](#)

18-Mar-24

12-Mar-24

[Handwriting, Why and How to Teach It](#)

11-Apr-24

05-Apr-24

[Brightpath Progress Professional Learning Workshops](#)

Various

Various

[Connection to Story and Routines in Mathematics](#)

11-Apr-24

08-Apr-24

[AICD Online Governance Foundations for Not-For-Profit Directors of Independent Schools](#)

06-May-24 to 07-May-24

12-Apr-24

[Purposeful Pedagogies 2024 – Masterclasses](#)

TBC

EOI Open

[Many Languages - One Methodology 2024](#)

04-Jun-24 to 31-Oct-24

25-May-24

**Targeted Programs**

[VET Coordinators & Careers Educators Network Meeting](#)

22-Mar-24

15-Mar-24

# Curriculum Updates

## NEW – Curriculum Reference Groups

AISWA is seeking suitable staff to join the inaugural Primary and Secondary Curriculum Reference Groups. These Groups will discuss, deliberate, and provide advice to AISWA on all matters relating to primary and secondary curriculum and other relevant area of focus. Members have the opportunity to connect and network with colleagues across the Independent sector while providing valuable input that supports Independent education.

To access a nomination form [click here](#). For further information contact [cap@ais.wa.edu.au](mailto:cap@ais.wa.edu.au)

## School Curriculum and Standards Authority News

The monthly SCSA eCirculars (Kto10 and 11to12) are the best way to keep up to date with the latest information about school curriculum and assessment, standards and certification of student achievement in Western Australia. To subscribe [click here](#).

SCSA also offer a range of Professional Learning opportunities for school leaders and staff across the year. These are advertised via the eCirculars, and also appear on the [SCSA website](#).

Schools are reminded that the Pre-primary to Year 10 English and Health and Physical Education are the first two learning areas within the Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline to be revised as part of adopting and adapting the Australian Curriculum version 9 to the Western Australian context. The revised curriculum for Pre-primary to Year 10 (P–10) English and Health and Physical Education has now been released for familiarisation in 2024 and implementation in 2025.

This adopt and adapt process will continue this year, with work commencing in the Science, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences and Technologies Learning Areas. Schools will be invited to participate in consultation sessions as part of this process.

Updates to WACE courses continue throughout 2024.

## Animal Ethics

AISWA continues to provide to support to schools related to the scientific use of animals. Please [click here](#) for more information and queries related to animals in schools.

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# Team Updates

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood provide consultancy and support in Early Childhood Education with a focus on age-appropriate pedagogy, policy implementation and regulatory matters. [Click here](#) for their latest news.

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## LEADERSHIP *and* LEARNING

Leadership and Learning provide consultancy and support to implement the P-10 Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline and the WACE, and assist schools to build the capacity of existing, emerging and aspiring leaders. [Click here](#) for their latest news.

**Meika Pfeiffer-Gough (Manager)**  
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## Numeracy

Numeracy Professional Learning events commence in the first term holidays and continue into term 2. [Click here](#) for their latest news.

**David Dunstan (Coordinator)**

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## Literacy

Please note, literacy is now offering professional learning on handwriting. [Click here](#) for their latest news.

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## TARGETED PROGRAMS

Targeted programs provide consultancy and support to engage in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and interpret and apply school and student data, and implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Career Education programs. [Click here](#) for their latest news.

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