



The Australian Curriculum has been in place for some time now and education ministers have decided that it should be reviewed to ensure it is continuing to meet the needs of Australian students and teachers now and into the future.

Ministers have tasked ACARA to complete the review by the start of 2022.

To prepare for this, ACARA has been consulting widely and researching curricula from around the world, including the curricula of Singapore, British Columbia, Finland and New Zealand.

We've also consulted with state and territory education authorities and the teaching profession. What we've heard and found is that the existing three-dimensional structure of the curriculum: eight key learning areas, seven general capabilities and three cross curriculum priorities, is well supported, but the overall content needs refining, updating, and decluttering to better support teachers.

The relationship between these three dimensions also needs to be made clearer. Schools and teachers have told us they want a less crowded curriculum, one that allows them to focus on depth of learning.

But curriculum stability is also important.

So the focus of the review will be on content refinement, decluttering the curriculum so teachers have more time to teach for deep understanding of core concepts in the key learning areas. The review will also result in a streamlined easier to use Australian Curriculum website that will be more a teacher friendly.

Because teachers need more help to implement the curriculum the review will involve meaningful consultation with teachers and engagement with key stakeholders. Proposed revisions to the curriculum will be published online and open for public feedback. To learn more about the review of the Australian Curriculum, visit the ACARA website where you will find review terms of reference and information on the review process.

Keep visiting the website for regular updates on the progress of the review. We look forward to working closely with the teaching profession and other key stakeholders on this review to ensure Australian students and teachers continue to have access to our world-class Australian Curriculum.