

MEDIA RELEASE

Consultation now open for the next phase of the Australian Curriculum Languages being reviewed
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The next phase of the Languages curriculum review is now underway. ACARA has released proposed revisions to the Auslan language curricula and the Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages for public comment.

Public feedback is sought via the consultation website
<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/consultation/languages/> until 7 November 2023.

The [Review](#) of the Australian Curriculum commenced in 2020 and while the updated Australian Curriculum, Version 9.0 that resulted was released on a [new website](#) in May 2022, the Review's [terms of reference](#) provided for the Languages curricula to be reviewed and endorsed in phases.

"We're pleased to release the draft revisions to the Auslan language curricula and the Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages," said ACARA's Executive Director, Curriculum, Sharon Foster. "They comprise a large and important part of the languages learning area of the Australian Curriculum."

The Auslan curriculum has 2 pathways and caters for both students who are learning Auslan as their first language (Years F-10 and Years 7-10) and for hearing students learning Auslan as a second or additional language (Years F-10 and Years 7-10). Practising primary and secondary teachers and language users, both deaf and hearing, assisted ACARA's curriculum specialists in reviewing and drafting refinements to the curriculum. The review has resulted in the volume of content in the curricula being reduced and elaborations have been added to the content including new illustrations and examples of how it can be taught in the classroom.

The Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages provides 3 pa0 0 1 398.uwa12(