



In addition to the creation of the new Curriculum Connection, ACARA has provided further guidance to teachers with changes to the mental health and wellbeing focus area description and curriculum content, which includes explicit references to grief and loss.

"Be You welcomes the release of ACARA's Mental Health and Wellbeing Curriculum Connection," said Geri Sumpter, Head of the Be You, the national mental health and wellbeing initiative for schools and educators led by Beyond Blue.

"The Curriculum Connection provides clear guidance for teachers and school leaders on how to integrate mental health and wellbeing into all aspects of teaching and learning.

"Be You is proud to have worked closely with ACARA on the development of this resource. Including wellbeing across all aspects of teaching and learning is such a positive step towards building a mentally healthy education system where students, teachers and communities are supported to achieve their best possible mental health. We hope that teachers and school leaders across Australia find this resource helpful."

Part of ACARA's new Curriculum Connections project, the online resource enables educators to filter information on conceptual themes from within the Australian Curriculum by year level, learning area, general capability or cross-curriculum priority. Other topics released in this phase are online safety and respect matters, bringing content in line with the new Australian Curriculum, Version 9.0.

The mental health and wellbeing Curriculum Connection, along with the other updated resources, is available on the resources section of the Australian Curriculum website at <https://v9.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources>.