

Preparing to Lead Curriculum Change

Important Information on New Resource Packs for Principals

The launch of *The New Zealand Curriculum* (NZC) is just a few months away. As part of the wide range of professional support and materials being made available over the three-year curriculum implementation phase, schools will receive a series of three resource packs. The packs cover: *Engagement and Planning*; *Supporting Professional Practice* and *Sustaining Development*. The first pack, *Engagement and Planning*, is for principals and curriculum leaders. It will be ready in October soon after the release of the NZC and replaces the planned *Preparing to Lead Curriculum Change* guides.



About the Engagement and Planning Pack

The *Engagement and Planning* pack includes a booklet, CD-ROM and pamphlets on key competencies and learning languages. It will help principals and curriculum leaders to think about the curriculum document, and suggests starting points for engaging staff and school communities in understanding what the document means.

The pack provides in-depth curriculum information, reflective questions, examples, and *Making Connections* sections with links to websites, research and digital stories. Slides are included to assist you in presenting the NZC to staff.

Pack Contents

The booklet and CD contain:

- **an overview** of the planned support available to schools during the implementation period.
- **suggestions** for immediate discussion starters for whole of staff engagement with the curriculum, and planning the next steps.
- **initial guidance** for leading change in schools, including encouraging student and community input.



Implementation Support Available

Support for schools during the three-year implementation phase includes:

- Three **resource packs**
 - *Engagement and Planning* (2007)
 - *Supporting Professional Practice* (2008)
 - *Sustaining Development* (2009)
- A redeveloped **New Zealand Curriculum website** with links to specific curriculum support materials.
- **Resources** to support the development of **key competencies** and **school curriculum design and review**.
- Post-launch **professional development** in the form of regional workshops for principals and curriculum leaders.
- The creation of **professional learning communities** that are curriculum-related.
- A three-year programme of **exploratory studies** that will be used to inform school practice.
- A **monitoring and evaluation strategy** for analysis of 'snapshots in time', demographic data and attitudinal responses.
- The **alignment of current ministry support** for teachers, principals and boards of trustees to implement the NZC.

You will receive more information about implementation support later in the year.

Getting Copies of the Document

When the NZC is launched two copies will be sent to each school for its board of trustees. Schools will also receive enough copies of the NZC to give one to every teacher. An electronic version will be available on the New Zealand Curriculum website:

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/nzcurriculum/index_e.php

Traditionally, copies of curriculum documents are seen as belonging to individual teachers, and travel with them to new postings. New school staff will be able to request a copy from Learning Media Limited, phone: 0800 800 565.

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