ACARA UPDATE -

Draft F–12 Australian Curriculum: Geography

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The draft Foundation to Year 12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography* was released for public, national consultation between 20 October 2011 and 29 February 2012. During consultation, 39 schools from across Australia participated in an intensive engagement activity (previously called 'Trial Schools' for the national consultation around Phase 1 subjects).

The online survey results and responses from the written submissions will be synthesised and used to inform the revisions to the draft F-12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography* over the next couple of months. The student work samples and teaching and learning programs submitted by intensive engagement schools will be used to develop portfolios of student work to exemplify the achievement standards for each year level.

It is anticipated that the revised draft F-12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography* will be available for public, national review between July and August 2012. This time for review will be an opportunity to comment only and it is not of the same

order as the national consultation activity which has just been completed around the draft F-12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography*.

The expectation is that the F-12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography* will be released for digital publication during the last quarter of 2012. Once the curriculum is published, the decisions about *implementation* in schools will be made by the state and territory curriculum authorities (for example, the NSW Board of Studies), not ACARA. Currently, Education Services Australia is working with AGTA and its affiliate associations, as well as other professionals in the field, to develop and make available *resources* which are relevant to the F-12 *Australian Curriculum: Geography*. These resources will be able to be accessed from a nationally available 'scootle' site (similar to the NSW TaLE site).

If you require further information regarding the development of an Australian Curriculum for Geography or Economics-Business, please contact Mrs Susan Caldis, Senior Project Officer, Humanities and Social Sciences on 02 8098 3150 or susan.caldis@acara.edu.au



HSC GEOGRAPHY STUDENT LECTURES 2012

Once again this year, the GTA has organised lectures for HSC Geography students. The presenters are experienced educators and HSC markers. The sessions cover: Ecosystems at Risk, Urban Places, People and Economic Activity and Skills in Geography.

DATES AND LOCATIONS*

Tuesday 12 June Hurstville Entertainment Centre (MacMahon Street, Hurstville)

Wednesday 20 June Callaghan Secondary College (Jesmond Campus, Janet St, Jesmond)

Thursday 21 June
University of Wollongong
(Northfields Ave, Gwynneville)

Wednesday 27 June St Andrews Cathedral School (Ground Floor, 51 Druitt St, Sydney)

TIME

9:00am - 3:00pm

REGISTRATION CLOSES

One week prior to event. Attach a list of attendees with your school's registration

COST (inc GST)

\$30 per student for member schools/teacher

\$50 per student for non-member schools/teacher

Teacher attending with students admitted free

* Please check venue/date updates and to download registration form go to: www.gtansw.org.au