



Draft New Curriculum Seven Year Process

Education within the Diocese of Parramatta is a ministry of the Catholic Church, walking with humility in the way of Jesus, serving all of God's people.

The Draft Curriculum continues to evolve and has been a work in progress since 2014. During the past six years there has been continuous and ongoing consultation with Diocesan stakeholders. Below is a brief summary outlining some of the collaborative and consultative processes:

2014	Review of existing RE curriculum by the University of Notre Dame, including consultation with parents, clergy, student and teachers. The Review recommended a new RE curriculum. The process began.
2015	An initial working document was created by teachers and other stakeholders.
2016	Wide ranging consultation took place with teachers and students. A survey returned thousands of responses and more than 2,200 questions from students with regard to their faith.
2017	Questions from students captured at a dedicated camp were used to develop learning frameworks by clergy, parents, teachers, system leaders, and the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Mission team based upon Catholic Scripture and Tradition.
2018	Refinement of the framework.
2018	A clergy advisory group was formed based on each deanery (group of parishes).
2018	All clergy in the Diocese of Parramatta were informed of the process including the <i>nihil obstat</i> proceeding and authority.
2018	A Parent Advisory group was formed.

2018	A Mission Sub-Committee was formed and consulted throughout the process.
2019	The Diocesan Schools Council was consulted continuously.
2019	Some schools trialled the learning and teaching framework using the critical enquiry methodology.
2019	Consultation with all stakeholders of the Draft New Curriculum.
2019	Parents at some schools were invited into classrooms to observe the Draft New Curriculum being trialled.
2019	All school principals and religious education coordinators were consulted on Draft New Curriculum and offered on-going formation.
2019	Formation and pastoral leadership programs were introduced for all stakeholders, clergy, parents and teachers.
2019	The framework and content were refined.
2019	Australian Catholic University undertook a wide-ranging review of processes and concluded the Draft New Curriculum is 'outstanding'. This report is available on request.
2019	The Diocesan authority was received for the DNC.
2019	The Bishop and senior clergy were consulted prior to the internal release of the DNC.

2020 February	The first draft of the curriculum was produced.
2020	Ongoing formation all teachers and the Mission team.
2020	Resources were written.
2020 (Term 3)	The Curriculum is trialled in stages 2, 3 and 5 in some schools.

Proposed Next Steps

2020 September	Next draft of the Curriculum will be sent out to internal stakeholders for consultation and review.
2021	Further drafts will be produced after trial results and further consultation with all stakeholders.
2021	Following <i>imprimatur</i> from the bishop, the new Curriculum is expected to be launched in Term 3, 2021.

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