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Timelines for the roll out of Version 9.0 of the Australian Curriculum in Queensland schools be reviewed.

Rationale

- The planned roll out of Version 9 of Australia curriculum is problematic for primary schools in Queensland due to the lack of timely resourcing.
- An expert curriculum team is leading this work and cannot deliver the curriculum resources to the agreed timeline.
- Primary schools do not have curriculum leadership provided in the allocative model, in order to lead the development and implementation of curriculum in our schools.
- Schools are expected to implement three Key Learning Areas in 2026 and a further three in 2027.
- Considering the challenges in implementing two subjects in one year, it will not be possible to deliver three with any level of fidelity.
- Primary teachers are expected to teach all curriculum areas, with no allocated curriculum leadership positions in our schools.
- Teachers and school leaders require time to understand and implement English and Maths in order for it to be delivered effectively in every classroom in the state.

Details

QASSP calls upon the Department of Education to only implement Version 9.0 of the Australian Curriculum in two subjects per year as per the table below. Due to the delay in delivery of support resourcing for English and Maths, an additional year is required before the second wave of subjects is due to be implemented. A proposed timetable for implementation of the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0 in Queensland is below.

Year	Subjects to be Implemented
2025	English, Maths
2027	Science, Health and Physical Education
2028	Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences
2029	Languages, The Arts

Schools can progress the implementation of subjects more swiftly than above, however we need to be conscious of teacher workload and ensuring all staff have release time to develop a deep knowledge of the curriculum to be taught.

Opportunities for QASSP to achieve the desired position

Advocating through the Curriculum Subcommittee to the Department of Education and via the Board to the Minister for Education and the Queensland Teachers' Union.

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