

HSIE newsletter – Term 3 2019

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Welcome to Term 3, 2019.

Geography Stage 6 and Geography Stage 6 Life Skills draft syllabus consultation

The draft Geography Stage 6 Syllabus, including Life Skills outcomes and content, has been released by NESAs for consultation.

I urge all interested colleagues to view the [Geography Stage 6 draft syllabus for consultation](#) along with the varying [supporting documents](#), complete an [online survey](#) and/or attend a NESAs [consultation meeting](#). In addition, please view the [Geography Life Skills Stage 6 draft syllabus](#) for consultation and [supporting documents](#), including the [online survey](#) and link to NESAs [consultation meetings](#). Public consultation is open from 22 July to 1 September. All responses assist NESAs in their quest to produce the best possible syllabus for Geography Stage 6.

In addition to NESAs consultations, please keep your eyes on Schoolbiz in the next weeks as our HSIE team will be running our own consultation meetings across the state to discuss your comments and insights around the Geography Stage 6 and Geography Life Skills Stage 6 draft syllabuses to inform the official department consultation report. We will be conducting consultations in the following locations:

- Liverpool – 8 August 2019
- Miranda – 12 August 2019
- Bateman's Bay – 13 August 2019
- Coffs Harbour – 13 August 2019
- Dubbo – 13 August 2019
- Lismore – 14 August 2019
- Deniliquin – 15 August 2019
- Newcastle – 15 August 2019
- Penrith – 15 August 2019
- Wagga Wagga – 16 August 2019
- Wollongong – 16 August 2019

All meetings will be held from 4.00 to 6.00pm. Venue information is available when you register on MyPI.

Registration

Use the link below to register your attendance and find more information:
<https://myplsso.education.nsw.gov.au/mylearning/catalogue/details/826b66e8-fca8-e911-bcce-0003ff1539e5> or search MyPL using the code NR26258

Cost: \$0.00

Teacher identified hours: Attendance at the consultation meetings will contribute two hours of teacher identified professional learning.

Commerce 7-10 Syllabus

The updated Commerce 7-10 Syllabus has been released by NESA. The syllabus, implementation advice and supporting documents can be found on the [NESA website](#). Our HSIE team are currently developing additional supporting resources to assist with the implementation of this syllabus. These will be uploaded onto the department's [HSIE curriculum website](#) upon completion.

Upcoming professional learning in HSIE

The main professional learning events this year will include:

- a) Managing change: evaluating learning and teaching of History and Geography K-10
- b) Leading an HSIE Key Learning Area or faculty K-12
- c) HSIE update: implementing Stage 4-5 syllabuses
- d) Stage 6 geography – support and implementation
- e) International studies – support and implementation.

These professional learning events will be advertised in SchoolBiz and begin to be delivered in Term 4, 2019. We will work very closely with School Services in order to ensure that as many geographical areas of our state can be covered. Obviously, familiarisation courses will not commence until the respective syllabuses have been released.

A reminder that we now have an expanded HSIE team supporting your work across the state. Their details are below:

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Of course, my colleague **Theone Ellas** (K-6 HSIE Advisor THEONE.ELLAS@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will continue to support HSIE teachers' state wide in implementing our extensive array of syllabuses and Learning across the curriculum content areas.

Best wishes,

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Upcoming events

HSIE 7-12 statewide Adobe Meeting - Term 3

- Our Term 3 state-wide HSIE 7-12 staff meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 September 2019.
- The K-6 meeting will be held from 3:30-4pm, and the 7-12 from 4–4:30pm.
- The purpose of these meetings is to discuss initiatives and projects that will support colleagues implementing and teaching HSIE syllabuses and to identify, and suggest solutions to, issues related to the HSIE key learning area
- All secondary HSIE teachers, school executive K-12 and Educational Service Advisors are invited to attend.
- Join us at <https://connect.schools.nsw.edu.au/hsie/> for this point in time meeting. These meetings are not recorded and I encourage you to join the session. The HSIE Inspector of NESA also joins us for an update.
- A reminder and an agenda will be sent prior to the day.

Professional learning for numeracy

The following professional learning opportunities are being offered by the department's Literacy and Numeracy team which may support the teaching of numeracy through HSIE subjects.

Mathematics building blocks for numeracy -

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/professional-learning/mathematics-building-blocks-for-numeracy>

Course 1 is live in MyPL. The remaining 3 courses will be released throughout term 3.

Applying decimals across the curriculum - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/literacy-and-numeracy/professional-learning/applying-decimals-across-the-curriculum>

History Week 2019: memory and landscapes

31 August – 8 September 2019

Registrations close at 5pm on Friday, 14 June, 2019. History Week is the annual, state-wide celebration of history organised by the History Council of New South Wales (HCNSW). Initiated by the HCNSW in 1997, History Week is a fantastic opportunity to engage and educate the community about the vitality, diversity and meaning of history and its practice.

The theme of History Week 2019 is 'Memory and landscapes', which will explore our relationship to landscapes. For further information, visit <https://historycouncilnsw.org.au/history-week-2019-2/>

War and peace in the Pacific

The Australian National Maritime Museum has developed an international learning project titled War and peace in the Pacific which brings together schools from Australia, USA, and Japan to work on a student-led, project-based learning initiative on the Pacific arena of war in World War II. This is part of a five-year project which looks at war in the Pacific from a tri-nation perspective. The learning program encourages students to conduct first-hand investigations into how the war affected their country, state or home town, to look at history from a number of perspectives, and to link with students doing similar projects in other countries. For more information please visit <https://staging.anmm.gov.au/learn/school-excursions/special-programs/war-and-peace-in-the-pacific-75-education-program>. To register, email wapip75@sea.museum.

Leadership in Aboriginal education conference

Friday 16 August 2019, Epping, NSW.

The Leadership in Aboriginal Education Conference aims enable aspiring leaders to develop deeper understanding and practical strategies to effectively lead Aboriginal Education in their specific school community. For further information about this conference, visit

<https://sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/faculty-of-arts-and-social-sciences/study/short-courses/2018-AbEd-leadership-flyer.pdf>

The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney (RBGS)

The RBGS has a vast array of school excursion possibilities for consideration, including the Aboriginal School Excursion Programs. For further information, visit www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/learn

2019 Business Educators Australasia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition

The 2019 Business Educators Australasia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition encourages secondary school students to apply their business education to a real life scenario. Working individually or in small groups, participants are asked to devise a creative enterprise idea and submit a business plan, explaining how their great idea could become a profitable business. Economics and Business Educators NSW runs the competition in NSW. Full details are available on the EBE NSW website <https://www.ebe.nsw.edu.au/>

GTANSW Professional Learning

Webinar program:

7 August – Outcomes Assessment by Susan Caldis

2 September – Promoting Geography and using Virtual Reality by Kurt Woods and Kenan Koparan.

Geography skills workshop for teachers new to the teaching of geography

17 September – Potts Point

18 September – Warwick Farm

For further information on any of these events, see the [Geography Teachers Association](#) website.

HTANSW Professional Learning

The following professional learning days are being offered by the History Teachers' Association.

16 August – Introduction to History Extension, Auburn

For further details, visit <https://www.htansw.asn.au>.

Aboriginal Studies Association Professional Learning

The Aboriginal Studies Association has the following professional learning coming up:

20 September – ASA Teacher Conference, University of Sydney

25 October – ASA Student Conference

15 November – Masterclass

For more information, head to the [Aboriginal Studies Association](#) website

Parliamentary Education Office

The [Parliamentary Education Office website](#) offers many opportunities to explore and consider democracy, civics and citizenship in the classroom such as learning activities, teaching resources, multimedia and other materials.

Video conferencing program with the Parliamentary Education Office - Looking for ways to make civics and citizenship more dynamic, relevant and memorable for you and your class? Experience the [PEO's new video conferencing programs](#) for students and teachers.

Parliamentary Insider is a curriculum-aligned program for students in years 5–12. Bring Parliament into your classroom during the 1 hour session, as students talk with experts and discover how our democratic system works.

Teaching Primary Civics and Citizenship: a parliamentary approach is a 2 hour curriculum-aligned program for primary teachers. Build your parliamentary knowledge and discover a range of immersive teaching resources and strategies to use in your classroom. With more than 30 years' experience in educating students and teachers about the Australian Parliament, we look forward to exploring with you and your class the function and significance of Parliament in a dynamic and immersive way.

For more information head to the [PEO website](#) or contact our video conference coordinator.

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The Museum of Australian Democracy Teaching and Learning Resources

Check out the extensive [online resources](#) and [excursion support](#) available from the Museum of Australian Democracy, based out of Old Parliament House in our nation's capital. There are resources and interactive activities supporting a range of

our HSIE syllabuses and helping to incorporate the cross curriculum priority of Civics and Citizenship. For regular updates, sign up to the [mailing list](#).

National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation. The theme for 2019 is **People and Power**. Closing date for entries is 30 August 2019. For more information, head to the [National History Challenge](#) website.

Connect with us

Access news and updates for all key learning areas - including links to previous newsletters through [curriculum support news](#) and <https://education.nsw.gov.au/hsie>. Please share the link to this terms' human society and its environment (HSIE) newsletter with your colleagues. Subscribe to this newsletter feed at jennifer.m.curtis@det.nsw.edu.au.

- Make sure you subscribe to NESA news <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/newsletters/nesa-news>
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