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Norfolk Island Teacher Consultative Committee – Communique #2

The Committee met for a second time on Friday 10 September 2021 and agreed to continue meeting weekly, including through the school holidays.

The Committee was provided with an update on analysis undertaken regarding the curriculum used in Queensland and New South Wales (NSW) schools. The Committee was advised that the Australian Curriculum is used up to Year 10 across Queensland state schools – there is no separate Queensland Curriculum. There may be some implementation differences in the way NSW applies the Australian Curriculum but the core content will be the same in most instances. Queensland teachers are provided the autonomy to make professional judgements on how to apply the core concepts of the curriculum. Given the Australian Curriculum is also the foundation for the NSW curriculum that is currently taught at the Norfolk Island Central School (NICS), teaching the curriculum should be manageable for teachers and students and appropriate support and professional development will be provided.

The Committee also discussed the work in progress to be able to provide teaching staff further information on employment conditions and entitlements, including the portability of leave between NSW and Queensland. All governments are committed to ensuring teaching staff are fully informed of the choices available to them to support individual decisions on employment for 2022 onwards.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 September 2021.

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Chair – Norfolk Island Teacher Consultative Committee

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