Information for school leaders

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

Years 9-13 schools and wharekura curriculum support

What secondary schools and wharekura can expect

Secondary schools and wharekura will be supported to implement the full curriculum from 2027. We want to make sure all leaders, teachers, and kaiako have the information, resources and support they need to do the best job they can for their students.

There is no expectation of perfection on Day 1 – we want to make sure students are experiencing the new curriculum that supports them with what they need to know, understand, and do to become lifelong learners.

A multi-year implementation approach is outlined below.

Getting to know the curriculum

From Term 4 2026, the following engagements have been confirmed in response to what we heard from secondary leaders about what they needed. The focus is on **Getting to know the curriculum**. These provide opportunities for leaders to hear from the people who wrote the curriculum and have subject matter expertise. Leaders should come away from these sessions with the confidence to lead curriculum change in their school.

1. 16 September and 24 September: webinars for secondary school principals to support NZC and TMoA implementation planning.
2. 13 October – 13 November: twenty regional face-to-face information sessions for school and kura leaders across the motu. There are three workshops at each information session:
    - New Zealand Curriculum: Te Mātaiaho, Science, and Social Sciences
    - NZC Years 9-10 Learning Areas: for leaders responsible for Years 9-10, covering the learning areas mandatory from 2027
    - Te Marautanga o Aotearoa: for tumuaki and kaiako of kura and Māori-medium settings delivering Te Marautanga o Aotearoa
3. 2 November and 9 November: webinars for leaders who can't attend the regional face-to-face sessions. These webinars will be a shortened session of what is offered in person.
4. 16 November – 30 November: Learning Area and Wāhanga Ako webinars for secondary school and kura middle leaders and HODs.

More information on the regional information sessions for leaders is available on tahurangi.education.govt.nz/years-0-10-curriculum.

Implementing the National Curriculum:
Save the date – Regional information sessions 2026

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Join us for face-to-face information sessions across Aotearoa New Zealand

The release of the national curriculum marks an important step for schools and kura. To support implementation, we're hosting a series of information sessions across the motu from September to November.

Designed for school and kura leaders, these sessions will help participants understand the purpose and intent of curriculum change, explore its implications for leadership and change management, and identify priorities and next steps for implementation in their local context.

INFORMATION SESSION VERSION 1

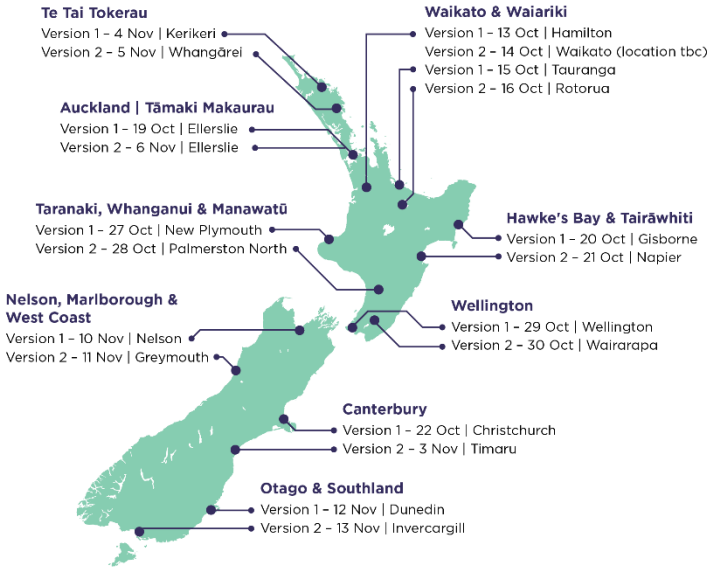
9am – 12:30pm	Te Mātaiaho, Science, Social Sciences	
1pm – 4pm (choose one)	Te Marautanga o Aotearoa	Remaining NZC learning areas for Years 9–10 for 2027

INFORMATION SESSION VERSION 2

9am – 12:30pm (choose one)	Te Marautanga o Aotearoa	Remaining NZC learning areas for Years 9–10 for 2027
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Register at: https://moeevents.swoogo.com/National-Curriculum-Information-Sessions

Can't attend in person?
We'll also be hosting and recording webinars covering the same content, ensuring all leaders can access the key information and updates.



Getting started – gaining knowledge and confidence

Professional learning and development (PLD)

All teachers will have access to quality PLD that builds understanding of their learning area, wāhanga ako and subject so they are confident to plan and teach the new curriculum. It has already been agreed that two curriculum days are available for 2027. Information on curriculum days in out years will be advised in due course.

PLD will be rolled out from Term 1, 2027.

In addition to the PLD outlined below, support via Networks of Expertise (NEX) and Kahu Pūtoi will be ongoing. To access this support, get in touch with the appropriate subject association or Kahu Pūtoi.

High Impact PLD

High Impact Teaching Practice (HITP) is designed to help schools and kura strengthen teaching practice, build sustainable internal capability, and improve outcomes for students. HITP hubs are already being piloted. From Term 4, 2026, schools and kura from Years 0-13 will be able to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate either individually or as part of a hub.

Years | Tau 9-10

- Online modules: From 2027-2029 modules will be available for each learning area and strand, wāhanga ako and whenu. These modules will unpack what's new, what's changed, how to teach and assess. These modules are designed for leaders and teachers to complete at their own pace. Module 1 – Planning and sequencing using the learning kits will be available in January 2027.
- PLD: From Term 2, termly regional learning area face-to-face workshops delivered by a PLD facilitator will be available. Sessions will focus on quality teaching and content. Registrations will open in Term 1, 2027.
- Three days of PLD in 2027, 4 days in 2028, and a further 4 days in 2029.

Years | Tau 11-13 – from 2027 to 2029

- Online modules: From 2027, curriculum experts will support teachers and kaiako to get to know their subject. These will start with Year | Tau 11 in 2027, and will cover what's new, what's changed, how to teach and assess your subject.
- PLD: In 2027, region or school | wharekura-based subject specific PLD will be available. Sessions will focus on quality teaching and content:
    - 2027: session 1 – Year | Tau 11 subjects
    - 2027: session 2 – Year | Tau 12 subjects
    - 2028: session 1 – NZCE
    - 2028: session 2 – Year | Tau 13 subjects
    - 2029: session 1 – NZACE

NZQA, qualification and assessment

- The Ministry is working alongside NZQA to support the sector to understand how curriculum expectations connect to assessment for the new qualifications. This includes providing Assessment Guides | Te Arawhata Aromatawai for every Year 12 and 13 subject from October 2027.
- These structured, subject-level resources will be provided by NZQA and developed in consultation with the sector. They will include assessment tasks, evidence requirements, assessment conditions, and guidance for assessment marking, moderation, and administration.
- The NZCE and NZACE region or school-based PLD sessions in 2028 and 2029 will support teachers to understand how the Assessment Guides, Assessment Criteria, and Grade Descriptors link the curriculum for their subject to assessment.

Learning kits

All learning areas, wāhanga ako and subjects will have learning kits that are made up of annual, unit and lesson plans.

- Mathematics and Statistics resources for Years 0-10 are already available.
- Year 9 learning kits will be released by the end of 2026 to cover all NZC learning areas.
- Te Marautanga o Aotearoa resources and learning kits will continue to expand throughout 2026 and 2027.

- Budget 2026 provides $5 million of funding per year for three years for English and Te Reo Rangatira texts. Funding to be available in Term 4. This will be paid directly via Pourato.

Table showing learning kits and when they are available

Curriculum area	What's available now	What's coming next	When
Science, Social Science, HPE, The Art and Technology learning kits (Year 9)	Draft Year 9 learning kits available, including two terms of units.	Complete learning kits, aligned with final learning areas.	By end of 2026
English learning kits (Years 7-10)	Two terms of learning kits available.	Complete learning kits.	By end of 2026
Te Marautanga o Aotearoa learning kits (Tau 9-10)	Development underway.	Learning kits (except Ngā Reo which will not have a learning kit).	By end of 2026
Te Reo Rangatira and Pāngarau learning kits (Tau 9-10)	Available now on Tāhūrangi.	Ongoing updates and support.	Available now
Senior Secondary Resources (Years | Tau 11-13)	Development underway.	Learning kits released in line with implementation timelines.	Year 11, 2027 Year 12, 2028 Year 13, 2029

Additional support for Years | Tau 9-10 students

The following additional support for students is available starting in Term 1 2027. Schools and kura can apply from Term 4, 2026 via online application.

- **Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau Acceleration Programme**
  Accelerated learning will provide targeted teaching interventions in schools and kura.
- **Hapai Ako Accelerated Learning Programme Tau 9-10**
  Accelerated learning will provide targeted teaching interventions in schools and kura.
- **Online Accelerated Writing Tool**
  Support for students who are not yet meeting curriculum expectations in writing using Scribo.
- **Co-Requisite Support**
  Targeted funds for small-group supports to accelerate literacy, te reo matatini, numeracy or pāngarau achievement.

Implementing the curriculum and qualifications

The Ministry will continue to listen to sector feedback and ensure teachers have the right supports to implement, embed and sustain the fully updated curriculum and new qualification system. Feedback will also contribute to the regular curriculum review cycle.