Welcome

Dear colleagues,

Thank you to those teachers who joined our first Adobe Connect SyllabusPlus session. Attendance at the live event was over one hundred teachers and many others have requested the link to the recorded session (available at https://connect.schools.nsw.edu.au/p6jq0wj13s2/). We have two more sessions in the series:

- 13 May (4:00 – 4:30pm): Site study ideas, K-10. This session should be interesting and will include live presentations from a range of sites around Sydney including EECs, some with eSite options for regional and rural schools.

- 20 May: Historical inquiry in the primary classroom, which may also be of interest to secondary teachers developing an understanding of the new History Syllabus K-6.

After the SyllabusPlus series is completed we will initiate the Statewide HSIE Network Meetings 7-12, in Week 8 of each term, again using Adobe Connect. (the Adobe Connect ‘room’ for SyllabusPlus and HSIE Network Meetings is the same - https://connect.schools.nsw.edu.au/hsiepl/ - just click on the link to join us).

There will be new sample teaching and learning sequences with suggested resources for Stage 5 History in the topics ‘Migration Experiences’ and ‘Rights and Freedoms’ that will be emailed to you soon.

The focus of the HSIE team over the next few months will be building resources for the implementation of the new Geography K-10 Syllabus, which we hear should be released soon. After its release there will be an Adobe Connect on the ‘New Syllabus in a Nutshell’ to outline major features for faculties.

Please feel free to contact Jennifer or myself if we can support you in anyway.
"When the Anzacs finally left this place, they were tormented by the thought of leaving their comrades behind, that their suffering and loss would be forgotten, that their graves would lie untended... Lieutenant Ken Miller of the 2nd Battalion wrote, 'There was the question of our dead mates. We lived at Gallipoli with our dead alongside us. Owing to the lack of space our cemeteries were always under our eyes. The hardest feature of the evacuation was in leaving those dead comrades behind'."

Prince Charles in his speech at Anzac Cove, 25 April 2015, quoting Lieutenant Ken Miller of the 2nd Battalion AIF. A great example of integrating primary source material to add impact and evidence to a historical narrative.

Anzac Cove at the exact hour the boats came ashore 100 years ago. \(\text{Source: News Corp Australia}\)
**Geography K-10 syllabus**
The new syllabus will be released this year. In 2015, Years 7–10 will continue to use the current *Geography Years 7–10 Syllabus* (2003). Implementation dates for the new *Geography K-10 Syllabus* will be determined and announced this year.

**History K-10 syllabus**
Implementation for the *History K-10 Syllabus* for Years 7-10 is compulsory in 2015

**K-6 HSIE**
For your information, in 2015 your K–6 feeder schools will continue to teach the Environments, Cultures and Social Systems and Structures strands in the current *HSIE K–6 Syllabus* (1998), and adopt one of the following options:
- continue to teach the Change and Continuity strand from the *HSIE K–6 Syllabus* (1998) OR

Note that all K-6 schools will be required to implement the new History Syllabus in 2016.

**Course Performance Descriptors**
Revised *Course Performance Descriptors* are now available at the BOSTES website, using the link provided.

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Don’t forget to subscribe to the NSW BOSTES Bulletin, to stay fully informed on a range of educational issues.

**NSW BOSTES memo BOS 14/15**
NSW BOSTES enhanced grade monitoring procedures for Stage 5 and Preliminary courses require schools to keep student work samples and the associated assessment activities for the following HSIE courses in 2015: Business Studies, Legal Studies, Ancient History and Modern History. Information about the requirement to retain student work samples is available on the *Grades* section of the NSW BOSTES website. For more information contact: Sharon Phillips, Senior Project Officer on sharon.phillips@bostes.nsw.edu.au or (02) 9367 8164.

**Professional Development Opportunities**

**Professional Learning at the Sydney Jewish Museum (SJM)**
The SJM presents a two-day professional development seminar designed to address the outcomes of the NSW History Syllabus. Teachers will hear testimony from a Holocaust survivor and will be taken on specialised guided tours of the museum and its archives. The SJM is able to provide limited financial support for teacher relief, 24 -25 August.
On 30 October 2015 the SJM will host investigative journalist, Mark Aarons. Aarons’ stunning revelations about former Nazis living in Australia forced the Australian Government to examine war crimes in Australia, leading to an Australian War Crimes trial which relied on evidence unearthed from Serniki. For further information on programs at SJM contact Shula Jaffe-Krimhand on 9365 7900 or administration@bje.nsw.edu.au.

History Teachers’ Association 2015 State Conference
24 and 25 July, the University of Sydney. For more information visit the HTA NSW website.

2015 In Focus Studies of Religion Conference
The 2015 In Focus Studies of Religion Conference is planned for Friday, 15 May at State Parliament House, Sydney. The conference aims to broaden teachers’ understanding through interaction with speakers and academics for different faith traditions specialising in fields that relate to Studies of Religion (I and II). For more details and registration follow the link.

Aboriginal Education Conference, 2 June 2015
Participants will have the opportunity to hear from leaders within Aboriginal education, to engage in professional dialogue with these leaders and to participate in interactive workshops. Participants will also be provided valuable resources and practical strategies to use within the classroom. Fairfield RSL,$110 (incl GST). Register at myPL using this link: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/docprs/publicViewEvent.do?eventId=106638

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Inc. Professional Learning Workshops
The NSW AECG will be conducting a number of Professional Learning workshops for educators during 2015. Cost per participant is $55 and light refreshments are provided. The 2 hour workshops will demonstrate the importance of Country for Aboriginal peoples and the relationship they have with different environments. A case study approach that centres on student based research on the ways Aboriginal peoples classify plants and animals will be shown. Workshop dates and locations:

- Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre NSI TAFE Brookvale Campus. Time: 4 – 6.00 pm, Date: Tuesday 12 May 2015.

For further details, contact Dave Lardner, Curriculum Officer NSW AECG Inc. on 9550 5666.

Geography Teachers’ Association NSW HSC Geography Lectures
The GTA NSW has organised lectures for HSC Geography students and teachers. The presenters are experienced educators and HSC markers. The sessions cover: Ecosystems at Risk, Urban Places, People and Economic Activity and Geography skills and exam advice.

- Tuesday 9 June – Callaghan Secondary College, Newcastle
- Thursday 11 June – St Andrews Cathedral School, Sydney
- Tuesday 16 June – University of Wollongong
Registration closes one week prior to each event. COST (inc GST) is $30 per student for member schools/teacher or $50 per student for non-member schools/teacher. Teacher attending with students admitted free. Check for updates at the GTA website.

**Engaging with Asia Breakfast Seminars**

Australia’s engagement with Asia in trade, investment, education, tourism, immigration and humanitarian assistance is growing at a faster rate than with the rest of the world combined. Educators, parents, government and business agree that our links with Asia are crucial to Australia’s prosperity in the 21st century. Building ‘Asia capabilities’ through school education ensures that we provide students with the skills to communicate and effectively live, work and learn in the region. This breakfast program will: Explore Australia’s engagement with Asia, connect participants with leaders in this area and investigate opportunities for schools to engage with Asia. The Sydney seminar is on 2 June 2015. To register for an event or for further information go to [www.pai.edu.au](http://www.pai.edu.au).

**Useful Links/Resources**

**Discovering Democracy (DD) Kit**

This kit was delivered to every primary and secondary school a number of years ago and has a wealth of material for teachers to use. In particular, History 7-10 ‘Depth Study 5: The Globalising World’ can utilise some of the resources from the DD kit case study ‘Getting Things Done’. The unit can be downloaded using this link.

**Explore the Anzac Portal**

Bringing together a wealth of personal stories, historical information and educational resources about Australia’s wartime history, the ANZAC Portal contains a variety of materials developed by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, which support student learning about Australia’s involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The site provides digital resources and publications that focus on aspects of Australia’s experiences during the First and Second World Wars.

**Asia Wise**

Asia Wise is an online resource that helps teachers engage classes in the study of Asia, fostering the development of this learning across the curriculum area that is embedded within the Australian Curriculum. All topics covered in the Asia Wise program are drawn directly from the Australian Curriculum. In 2015 the Asia Wise Project encompasses three components: the Asia Wise Challenge, Asia Wise in Depth and Asia Wise Attitudes. Teachers can use just the Asia Wise Challenge or they can extend the program with either of the other components. See the [Asia Wise website](http://www.pai.edu.au).

**Resources to promote the teaching of ‘Peace’**

Following are websites that may be of use in secondary school HSIE classrooms:

- a peace focus from ICAN - the International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, available at: [http://www.icanw.org/resources/schools/](http://www.icanw.org/resources/schools/)
- for Years 9 and 10, a set of eleven lessons units commissioned for the ANZAC Centenary year, created by experienced teachers from the History Teachers Association of Victoria, by the Medical Association for Prevention of War and [Act for Peace](http://actforpeace.org.au) (Aid agency of the National Council of Churches), available at this link.
Competitions

2015 Australian History Competition
Registration for the competition must occur ASAP. If you haven't already entered your students consider this opportunity. This is a chance to promote the importance of history in the curriculum. The Australian History Competition brochure explains all the key details and you can register online or use the form on the back of the brochure.

WeCommemorate
WeCommemorate is a series of digital challenges designed to engage students in the production of creative, stage appropriate, multimedia projects. The competition forms part of the suite of resources being developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities to mark the Centenary of ANZAC. Students will learn about the Centenary of ANZAC through challenges which address syllabus outcomes and content in history, English and geography, across Early Stage 1 to Stage 5. Visit www.wecommemorate.nsw.edu.au for more details.

NSW Reconciliation Council launches 2015 Schools Reconciliation Challenge
The NSW Reconciliation Council has launched its Schools Reconciliation Challenge (SRC) for 2015. The SRC art competition is based on the theme ‘Home Grown Heroes’ and closes on Friday 22 May. It is facilitated through teaching kits that assist teachers to stimulate discussion among primary and secondary students about reconciliation in Australia. Students are encouraged to use ideas and concepts generated from the discussion to create artworks. The SRC will be launched during National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week at the Rocks Discovery Museum, with winning artworks exhibited until September 2015. The Teaching Kit is available online at nswreconciliation.org.au or by email at schools@nswreconciliation.org.au.

Site Studies using OUR DEC Environmental Education Centres

Red Hill Environmental Education Centre is located in the historic town of Gulgong, with its streetscape preserved from the boom years of the gold rush. The Red Hill EEC conducts popular experiential learning activities for studies in History, Geography and Aboriginal Studies.

Secondary school options include Geographers Tools, Australia’s Ancient Past, War Studies, Image of Henry Lawson, Home Rule Uncovered archaeology dig, Senior Biology Munghorn Field Trip, Senior Geography Impact of Coal Mining. For further details contact RHEEC on 02 63742558 or visit the website.

Follow the NSW Environmental and Zoo Education Centres on Facebook, Twitter and Yammer to keep up to date with the latest and greatest in environmental education, using the links below:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/environmentaleducationcentresNSW
Twitter: https://twitter.com/ (@EZECSW)
Yammer: https://www.yammer.com/det.nsw.edu.au/ (join the Environmental Education group)
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Professional Associations

Professional associations support the work that we do. Please consider joining any relevant associations. Links are provided below:

Aboriginal Studies Association
Asia Education Teachers’ Association
Association for Studies of Religion
Economics and Business Educators
Geography Teachers’ Association NSW
History Teachers Association NSW
Legal Studies Association NSW
Society & Culture Association NSW

Other professional association links