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Dear Parents and Carers

The NSW Curriculum is undergoing significant change right now. These changes are the result of the first major review of the curriculum since 1989 and so require our teachers to make changes to the way in which they are delivering learning to your children so that they can be well prepared for their future lives.

NSW primary schools are currently implementing the new Mathematics and English syllabuses in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 and planning for the implementation of English and Mathematics in Years 3 - 6 in 2024. In secondary schools, planning is underway for the implementation in 2024 of new English and Mathematics syllabuses and new syllabuses in a small number of other subjects. Further new syllabus documents for all subject areas in both primary and secondary schools will be released progressively over the next few years.

To ensure that all of our teachers can respond effectively to these changes, there will be three additional professional development days allocated for staff in Catholic schools in 2023, 2024 and 2025. These days will be used for planning, collaboration with colleagues and sharing of ideas and content on the new syllabuses. Teachers in the Department of Education school system have also been granted similar extra planning days.

The scheduled planning days for CSPD staff for the remainder of 2023 are:

- **Monday 17 July (Day 1 Term 3)**
- **Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 October (Days 1 and 2, Term 4).**

These will be pupil-free days but, as always, supervision will be provided at schools for families who are not able to make alternative care arrangements for their children.

At schools where vacation care programs currently exist, these services will also be available on these days. Further information can be obtained from the Ambrose Service Coordinator.

In a small number of cases, a school may need to change one of these dates because of another school event that cannot be moved. Your child's school will contact you directly if this is the case and advise you of the alternative date.

Thank you for your support as we continue to work together to create the best learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

Yours sincerely

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