

## Languages update

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### **A national approach to student access to Asian and other Languages project**

The Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities (ACACA) are investigating a common approach for determining student eligibility for the study of Asian second language courses (Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean).

The first phase of the project has focused on eligibility. The short-term goal is to achieve a set of common eligibility criteria for second language courses that can be used across the states and territories.

The Curriculum Council held a stakeholders' consultation forum to consider the consequences of changed terminology to describe the levels of language provision, the set of eligibility criteria and implications for Western Australia in terms of communication strategies and the proposed 2009 timeline.

### **Change of nomenclature**

From 2009, small candidature languages will be referred to as Languages-Interstate (including CCAFL). This includes languages, such as Arabic, Hebrew, Spanish and Polish. The Council's communication, including the website, will reflect this change.

### **Background speakers' courses**

Schools intending to implement Chinese, Indonesian or Japanese background speakers' courses in 2009 are requested to contact the Council to ensure that they receive all relevant information. These courses are borrowed from NSW and the Council has worked closely with the NSW Department of Education and Board of Studies to provide the current syllabus and resource information.