

Physical Education Studies syllabus to be revised for 2010

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The Physical Education Studies course has been revised in response to feedback from schools. Schools were surveyed to seek support for the revisions and to seek advice on when they think the revised course should be implemented.

The feedback is very much appreciated.

Eighty per cent of schools offering Physical Education Studies responded. Of these, 99 per cent indicated they were in favour of the proposed course changes.

Advice on implementation was less clear. Sixty-two per cent wanted implementation in Year 11 and Year 12 next year (2010). A further 27 per cent wanted implementation phased in over two years, starting in Year 11 in 2010. The remaining 11 per cent wanted full implementation in Year 11 and Year 12 in 2011.

By considering preferences overall, the Curriculum Council has agreed that the new course will be implemented in Year 11 in 2010 and Year 12 in 2011. It will be examined in 2011 for the first time.

The 2010 Stage 2 and Stage 3 examination will be based on the current course.

The Curriculum Council also agreed that additional support will be available for schools that teach combined Year 11 and Year 12 Stage 2 units in the one class in 2010.

Now that implementation details have been resolved, the proposed syllabus will be considered by the Senior Secondary Education Committee (SSEC) and then Council for re-accreditation for teaching in Year 11 from 2010. Schools will be notified as soon as it has been endorsed.