

Primary Matters

Primary Curriculum Project to assist teachers with programming

Primary schools will receive the new K-6 Mathematics Syllabus in Term 4 this year, completing the set of six K-6 syllabuses that have been developed to provide teachers with a comprehensive description of the primary curriculum.

To help primary teachers work with these syllabuses, the Board is undertaking a new project aimed at assisting teachers as they

develop programs for students that best achieve syllabus outcomes.

The Board has held discussions with principals' associations, professional groups and systems to prepare an action plan and scope statement for the project.

Margaret Malone, Primary Education Inspector for the Office of the Board of Studies NSW, said, 'We want to find out how teachers are using the six syllabuses in primary schools - what's good about using them, what problems they're having and how the Board of Studies can assist them to use the documents to support teaching and learning.'

In Term 4, 2002, Board of Studies Liaison Officers will visit a sample of primary schools across the State to listen to what teachers are saying about the primary curriculum.

Forty-six schools have already completed an initial questionnaire designed to obtain some data and comments from teachers about the syllabus documents.

A working party of principals chaired by John O'Brien, Director of Curriculum for the Office of the Board of Studies, has also been formed to help develop the project direction.

Once the priority issues have been identified and reported to the Board it will begin work with teachers on finding ways it can assist teachers to best achieve teaching and learning goals for their students.

For more details of the project contact your local Board of Studies Liaison Officer or Margaret Malone, Inspector, Primary Education on (02) 9367 8199

