



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### CASTLE HILL NEW K-2 CURRICULUM RELEASED

Teachers, parents and the broader community are being asked to help shape the new English and Maths syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2.

The new evidence-based curriculum is part of the NSW Government's goal to reduce unnecessary content and give teachers more time to teach, ultimately improving student outcomes.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said putting our students first and [improving](#) their learning outcomes is a top priority for the NSW Liberals & Nationals.

"The new curriculum will help our teachers focus on what they do best – teaching our students and assisting them to achieve their best," Mr Williams said. "We are making sure our youngest students build strong foundations for future learning and can leave school with the tools to thrive in this rapidly changing world."

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said literacy and numeracy skills are critical to unlocking young people's potential while at school, improving their academic outcomes and enhancing their careers.

"The new curriculum will see all educators teaching essential knowledge in evidence-based sequences for our students to build important foundational knowledge," Ms Mitchell said.

"We have prioritised essential content and provided clear examples to teachers to reduce ambiguity. Teachers are the drivers of student outcomes. By reducing the clutter and confusion for teachers, it allows them to focus on their students.

"Our approach to these reforms is evidence-driven and focused on student success. The feedback we have had from teachers is very positive and confirms we are moving in the right direction."

Teachers, parents and the broader community are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed new English and Maths syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2. Visit the NESAs website to read the consultation materials and have your say: [educationalstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://educationalstandards.nsw.edu.au) Public consultation closes on 30 April 2021.

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