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CASTLE HILL STUDENTS SET TO THRIVE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Creating the next generation of tech leaders, entrepreneurs and experts is at the heart of the new Computing Technologies curriculum released today.

It comes as part of the NSW Government's ongoing delivery of the most comprehensive Curriculum Reform in a generation.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the updated curriculum ensures students in Castle Hill are prepared for future jobs in a fast-changing digital world.

"Students in Castle Hill need to develop an understanding of essential computing skills to not only keep themselves safe in a digital world, but also to thrive in the careers of the future," Mr Williams said.

"These new syllabuses mean that right from the beginning of high school, students can learn fundamental skills in coding, cyber security and information systems for businesses.

"The curriculum has also been updated to better reflect the latest computing technologies and the expectations of industry, so that we create the next generation of tech savvy experts here in Castle Hill."

Minister for Education and Early Learning Sarah Mitchell said the new Enterprise Computing and Software Engineering syllabuses for Years 11 to 12 will also see secondary students sitting more HSC exams online in 2025.

"The NSW Government is bringing subjects and the HSC into the modern era with new syllabuses that align to our fast-changing digital world," Ms Mitchell said.

"Modernising the HSC is essential if it is to remain a world-class qualification. While currently only one subject has an exam conducted on a computer, this will be expanded to reflect the increasingly online world we are living in."

Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government Victor Dominello said the NSW Government is committed to providing the State with the skills for the 21st century.

"We want our kids to have the world at their fingertips and this initiative will help us to build a digital workforce of the future," Mr Dominello said.



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Key features of the new syllabuses include:

- A greater focus on cyber safety and cyber security content.
- Closer links to learning in other subjects such as maths and science to create clearer pathways into future STEM study and careers.
- All senior secondary students will do a new mandatory project as part of school-based assessment to support deeper learning and the development of project skills.

New streamlined Geography 11 to 12 syllabuses have also been delivered, removing clutter and allowing teachers to focus on essential learning so students gain the skills, knowledge and understanding to be informed global citizens.

Additionally, the NSW Government has released new Classical and Modern Languages syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 10.

The NSW Education Standards Authority, who are responsible for delivering NSW Curriculum Reforms, will provide schools with support materials as they implement new syllabuses and prepare for online HSC exams.

The new syllabuses are available now on the [Digital Curriculum platform](#) for teachers to plan during 2023 and will be taught in NSW schools from 2024.

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