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Dear Mr McIntyre

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 April 2024 to Diane Joseph, Chair of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), regarding the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters Inquiry into Civics and Citizenship. Ms Joseph asked me to respond on her behalf.

The VCAA is responsible for developing the Victorian Curriculum for school aged students, and assessment products and services. In the Victorian Curriculum F–10, Civics and Citizenship is a compulsory discipline within the Humanities learning area from Levels 3–10. The revised Victorian Curriculum Civics and Citizenship (VCCC) is scheduled to be published in June 2024. . The revised VCCC improves upon the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0 by ensuring Civics and Citizenship is its own distinct discipline from Levels 3-6, rather than integrated as part of Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS). The civics and citizenship skills are further strengthened to include investigating contemporary civics and citizenship issues, evaluating democratic institutions and systems, and participating in civic processes. There is a clearer focus on civic participation and the inclusion of the key concept 'community' to make explicit and stronger connections in the content, as expressed in the *Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Declaration 2019*, acknowledged in contemporary civics and citizenship research as essential learning for this discipline.

To support the delivery of Civics and Citizenship in Victorian schools, the VCAA recently worked with Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC), Monash University and the Australian Catholic University to develop units of work and a professional learning program to build capability of teachers to teach the VCCC learning area. These materials are available on the VCAA website here: <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/foundation-10/resources/Civics-and-citizenship/Pages/default.aspx>

I trust this information is of assistance.

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