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Supplementary Questions - Inquiry into impacts of harmful pornography on mental, emotional, and physical health

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QUESTION 1

You state that the 'curriculum is designed to be teachable at every school' – what does that look like?

a) What are you taking into consideration?

ANSWER

The NSW curriculum acknowledges that there are a range of cultural sensitivities, community values and beliefs across NSW schools. All schools are required to teach the NSW Curriculum and have the scope to present topics and select resources in line with their schools ethos and student needs.

New syllabuses focus on essential content which makes up the learning entitlement for all students, this is the knowledge and skills that every student should have an opportunity to learn. To assist schools and teachers, support materials including examples and teaching advice are provided.

Throughout the syllabus development process NESA engages with a range of stakeholders to ensure that syllabuses are clear and easy to understand. The NSW Curriculum makes the essential elements of the syllabus clear: the Rationale, Aim, Outcomes and Content.