TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS, PRESCHOOL DIRECTORS AND CURRICULUM LEADERS

RE: USING THE SACSA FRAMEWORK AND FORMAL RECORDING OF CURRICULUM STANDARDS DATA IN 2008

This letter is to introduce the accompanying circular and to provide information for District Directors, principals, preschool directors, curriculum leaders and teachers about the recording of student achievement data and using the SACSA Framework in 2008.

The formal recording for 2008 builds on the effective work of 2007 during which schools recorded standards achievement data in at least one Learning Area.

In 2008, for all Year 1 to 7 students, schools use the SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software to formally record SACSA Outcomes and Standards data in three Learning Areas. Schools select two from English, Maths or Science and another which is a local priority.

In 2008, for all Year 8 to 10 students, schools involve all teachers in formally recording SACSA Outcomes and Standards, using SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software. Each teacher records at least one Learning Area, with preference given to English, Maths and Science.

Andrew Wells, Policy and Program Officer, Standards and Accountability will assist schools to ensure that the SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software is set up and operational at the school by the end of Term 1, 2008. For any information regarding the software, please contact him at wells.andrew@saugov.sa.gov.au

All preschools use the SACSA Framework to monitor, record and report on children’s learning to children and families in each of the eight Developmental Learning Outcomes and provide a summative report when each child exits preschool.

Further information will be forwarded throughout 2008. For any information regarding the recording or use of SACSA Standards data please contact Kaye Johnson, Manager, Curriculum Framework, on 8226 4142.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this important work.

Yours sincerely

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