Formation of National Curriculum Board

The Prime Minister and Minister for Education, recently announced the appointment of Professor Barry McGaw as Chair of the government’s new National Curriculum Board.

The Board will be established by 1 January 2009, and will oversee the development of curriculum for all Australian students from kindergarten to Year 12, starting with the key learning areas of English, mathematics, the sciences and history.

The new National Curriculum Board will comprise representatives from each of the states and territories, and three representatives from the Catholic and Independent sectors.

Professor McGaw is currently the Director of the University of Melbourne’s new Melbourne Educational Research Institute, and formerly Director of Education in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development based in Paris.