

Australian Curriculum

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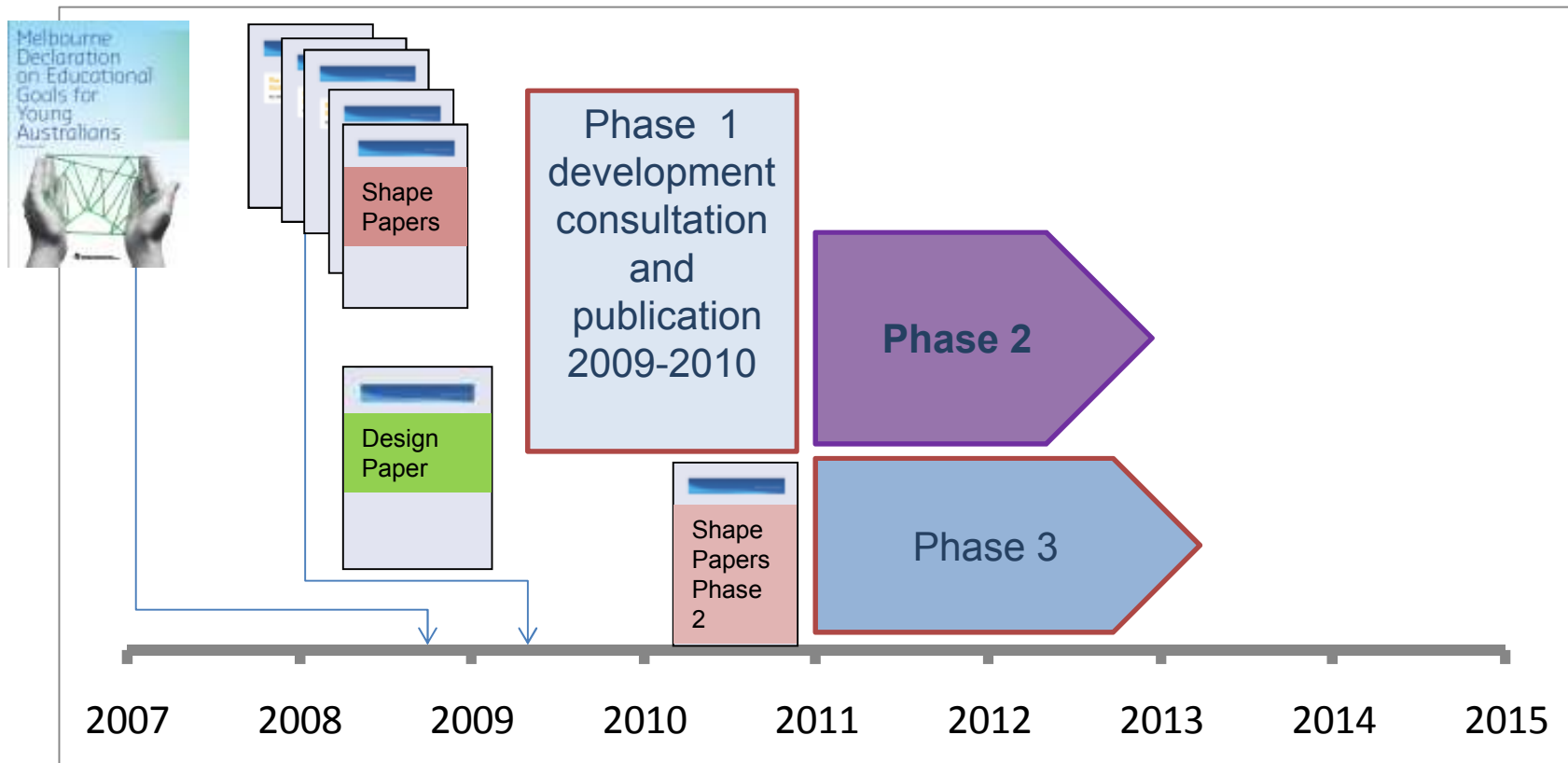
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Overview of session

- Arts curriculum in Australia
- The development of Australian Arts Curriculum
- Issues and challenges

Australian Curriculum Development



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The Learning Areas

Learning areas	Timeline
English	Phase 1
Mathematics	Phase 1
Science	Phase 1
Humanities and social sciences •History •Geography •Economics, Business, Civics and citizenship	Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3
The Arts	Phase 2
Languages	Phase 2
Health and PE	Phase 3
Technologies	Phase 3

The Australian Landscape

- 8 separate State/Territory curricula
- 7 include: dance, drama, media arts, music, visual arts
1 does not include media arts
- 4 use broad framework
(eg. Arts ideas, Arts skills & processes, Arts responses & analysis)
- 4 use verb descriptors
(eg. compose, appreciate, respond etc)

Shape of the curriculum

The three dimensions of the curriculum:

- Learning areas
- General capabilities
- Cross-curriculum priorities



General capabilities

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT
- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical behaviour
 - Personal and social competence



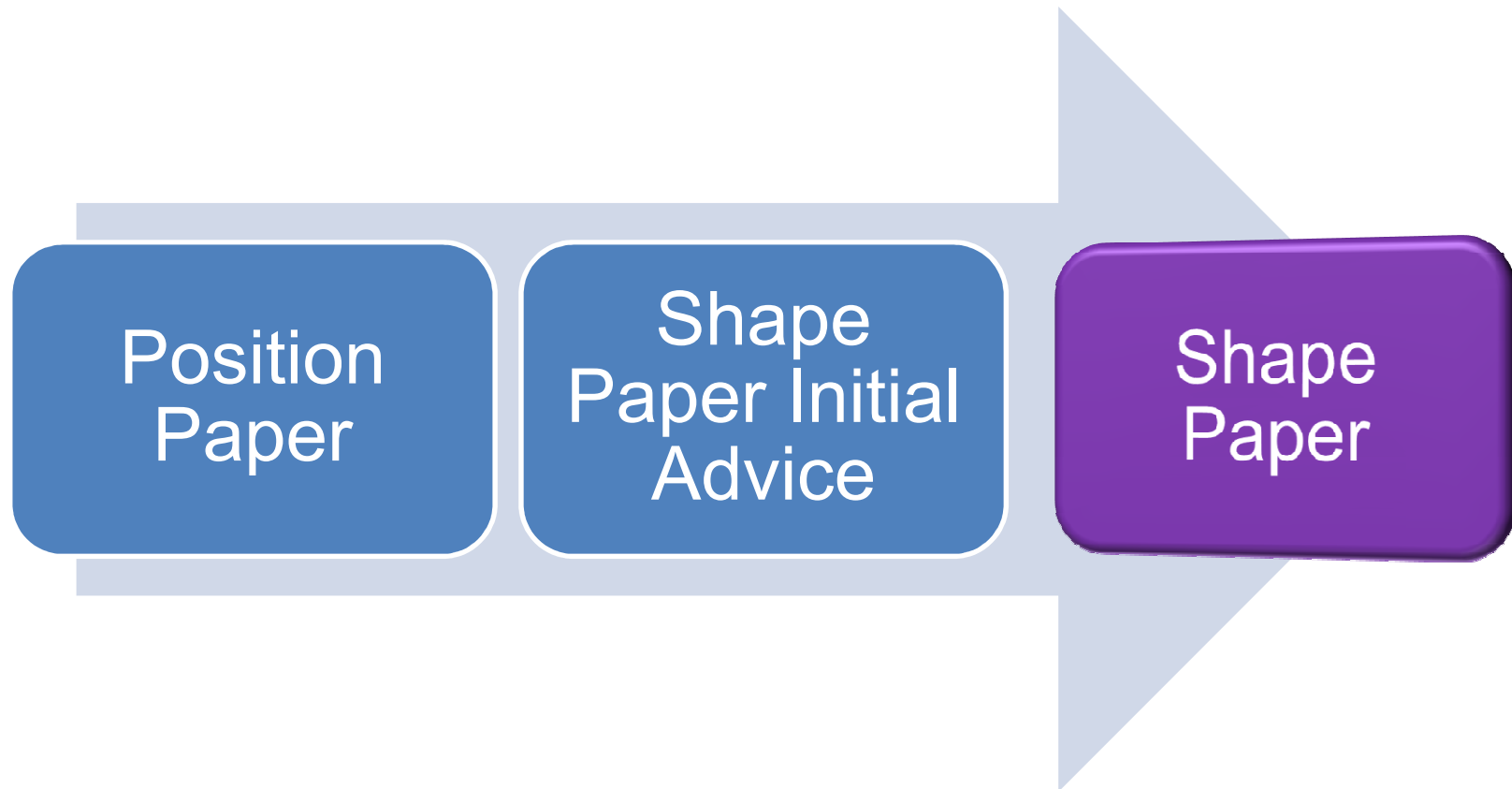
Cross-curriculum priorities

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures

- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

- Sustainability

Australian Curriculum: the Arts Shaping Process



Australian Curriculum: The Arts Writing Process



Appointment of
Writers and
Advisory Panels

Writing
Phase One
Phase Two

Consultation
and Trialling

Issues & Challenges:

- Equity of access
- Five art forms – state priorities/preferences
- Language/terminology
- Transition years
- Time allocation
- Teacher availability/training

More information ...

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- *Shape of the Australian Curriculum*
- *Curriculum development process*
- *Curriculum design*

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