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Dear Colleagues,

RE: Expressions of Interest for Advisory Panel Members for the Australian Curriculum: Information and Communication Technology and Design and Technology (*Technologies*)

ACARA has recently commenced initial planning for curriculum development for the Information and Communication Technology and Design and Technology (*Technologies*) learning area. In the Australian Curriculum, the *Technologies* learning area may include agriculture/primary industries, built environment, computing/digital technologies, design, engineering, food technology and nutrition, graphics, materials and product design (eg metals, textiles, timber).

Engaging educators and the wider community is crucial to ensuring that we continue to collaboratively develop a world-class Australian Curriculum. ACARA is currently inviting Expressions of Interest for Advisory Panel Members for the Australian Curriculum: *Technologies* and invites you to nominate up to five (5) people from a diverse range of backgrounds, knowledge and experiences in *Technologies* to apply for the advisory panel member role. In 2011 advisory panel work will focus on the shaping phase. Further information is available on the ACARA website: www.acara.edu.au/technologies.

The selection process will take into consideration experience and expertise in *Technologies*, representation across stages of schooling, teachers, other experts and representation across states and territories to ensure that the curriculum written is of the highest quality.

As part of the application process, all applicants will require approval in writing by their current employer prior to submission. All applicants must also ensure they are available for a meeting in ACARA's Sydney office in April 2011. Applications for advisory panel members will be available through the ACARA website from Monday 31 January 2011 at www.acara.edu.au/technologies.

Expressions of interest close Monday 21 February 2011 at 5:00pm (AEDT). If you have any questions regarding ACARA's expressions of interest, please feel free to contact Ms Julie King, Senior Project Officer *Technologies*, on 02 8098 3106 or email julie.king@acara.edu.au.

Thank you again for your support throughout the development of the Australian Curriculum.

Yours sincerely



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