

Curriculum Development in Tonga

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The following is a summary of progress made in various subject areas in the past year (1995).

Language

- The bilingual approach to language teaching was nationally implemented in all Primary Schools from Classes 1-3. Resource booklets for Classes 4-6 were revised and printed ready for national implementation in 1996.
- The Form 5 Tongan Supplementary materials have been completed and trialed in schools. Writing and trialing of the English Form 5 Pupil's Book and Teacher's Guide began and will be completed in 1996.
- At secondary level, a Teacher's Guide, Pupil's Booklet and Grammar Book for Form 3 Tongan Studies were printed for national implementation. Writers have carried out school-based in-service workshops for teachers. They have also completed a Teacher's Guide, Pupil's Booklet and Grammar Book for Form 4 to be used in 1996.
- A team of Japanese teachers completed the Form 3 Pupil's Booklet which will be ready for trialling in 1996.

Mathematics

- At primary level, revision of the Classes 1-3 Pupil's Book and Teacher's Guide was completed in preparation for national implementation in 1996. Developing and trialing of Classes 4-6 materials continued throughout the year.
- At the Secondary level, final revision of the Forms 1 and 2 Pupil's Booklet and Teacher's Guide was completed and these will be ready for use in 1997.

Soroban

Trialling of Soroban materials in Classes 3-5 in 13 Primary Schools in Tongatapu, 5 in Ha'apai and 9 in Vava'u continued throughout the year.

Science

The Forms 1 and 2 Teacher's Guide and Pupil's Booklets were revised, and ready for printing. These will be implemented in 1996. Writing, trialling and revision of the Forms 3-4 Teacher's Guide and Pupil's Booklet continued in preparation for national implementation in 1997.

Home Economics

A Teacher's Guide for Forms 1 and 2 was developed and ready for printing and trialling in 1996.

Music

Music syllabi for Classes 1-6 and Forms 1-5 were developed and approved. Work also began on support materials for Form 1 teachers, using the syllabus as a guideline.

Accounting

A team of teachers from various schools has been recruited as writers to develop a Form 4 Accounting Problems Booklet for 1996. There are no accounting staff at the CDU.

History

Writing of support materials for Form 3 History began in late 1995. Some of the Units may be ready for trialling by 1996.

Social Science

A Teacher's Guide and Pupil's Booklet for Form 2 were written and final computer formatting is almost complete.

Social Studies

Development of Social Studies materials for Classes 1 and 2 and Teacher's Guide continued throughout the year.

Computer Studies

A Computer Studies prescription for Form 6 was developed and submitted to the South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment. The prescription was approved by the Board and will be offered as a subject in the 1996 P.S.S.C. Examination.

Radio Programmes and Newsletters

CDU officers participated in the weekly radio programme. Curriculum work was explained and teachers were given up-to-date information. They also took part in some of the EM Jones and Office Equipment-sponsored programmes broadcast on Wednesday evenings. In addition, some of the staff were involved in preparing questions for the Secondary Schools Radio Quiz sponsored by the Tonga Development Bank. A newsletter published by the Unit also helped to inform officers and teachers of news as well as the latest developments in various subjects.

Examination and Inspection

CDU staff members were also involved in preparing and marking papers for various examinations: namely the Secondary Entrance Examination, Form 2 Common Examination and the Tonga School Certificate Examination.

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