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## **ASG urges New South Wales to adopt technologies curriculum for students**

ASG is urging the New South Wales (NSW) Education department to adopt the new Australian [Digital Technologies](#) Curriculum.

The independent MP for Sydney [Alex Greenwich](#) recently raised concerns in Parliament to the NSW Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, that it would lag behind other states and territories by not implementing the digital technologies curriculum.

The curriculum, which is the first of its kind in Australia, is now being rolled out to students from foundation (kindergarten) to Year 8, after consultation started in 2010.

The syllabus requires students to use computational thinking and information systems to implement digital solutions and use critical thinking to create innovative solutions for authentic problems.

ASG CEO says students need to be armed with the skills and knowledge to fully participate in the growing digital economy.

“It’s the way of the future. Our world is now characterised by a digitised existence and constant change, so it’s critical that our children have the best digital literacy available to them.

“This new curriculum goes beyond coding, which is a hot topic at the moment, and requires a deeper understanding of information systems in order for students to apply their critical thinking skills when they manage data, information, processes and digital systems to make decisions and problem solve.”

Mr Velegrinis says Australian education must remain relevant and globally competitive. Technology is an essential plank of nation-building and for this reason it is important NSW takes prompt action to adopt the digital technologies curriculum.

“Another important consideration is ensuring teachers have the skills to implement technology and digital tools to meet the requirements of the syllabus. The curriculum framework also needs to be benchmarked against international standards preparing young people to participate in global economic and social systems.”

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