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Dallas McInerney  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr McInerney

I write to advise on the NSW Education Standards Authority's (NESA) Higher School Certificate (HSC) Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 courses.

The Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL) National Reference Group has identified that Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 are at risk of suspension due to a very small candidature in 2022.

The CCAFL policy for the discontinuation of courses provides that curriculum and assessment authorities across Australia will suspend courses should candidature fall below 15 in 3 consecutive years. Attached at **TAB A** is the proposed suspension timeframe for the Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 courses.

Should the candidature in Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 fall again below 15 students over the next 2 consecutive years in 2023 and 2024, the courses will be suspended following the 2026 HSC exams.

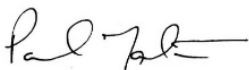
The potential suspension of Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 will still allow students undertaking the Year 11 course in 2025 to continue and complete their HSC studies in 2026.

NESA may reactivate the course if documented evidence is provided on the sustainability and viability of the course. If students wish to study a course after the HSC course suspension, students could undertake a School Developed Board Endorsed course.

On behalf of NESA, I acknowledge the contributions made by schools, teachers, and community members in supporting the study of Croatian and Dutch in NSW.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Stefanie Pavlou, Curriculum Manger, Curriculum Standards by telephone on 9367 8140 or email [stefanie.pavlou@nesa.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stefanie.pavlou@nesa.nsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely



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## NESA HSC course suspension timeline

Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 courses	
Year	Action
2025	Last year for Year 11 enrolments in Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6.
2026	Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 not offered at Year 11.
	Last year for Year 12 enrolments and HSC exam for Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6.
2027	Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 not available as HSC courses. Students will not be able to repeat Croatian and Dutch Continuers Stage 6 in Year 12.