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Positive Outlook on Curriculum

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During her time as Minister for Education, Julia Gillard has made her stance, and that of the Government, very clear on school curriculum.

Mirroring concerns about falling standards and state and territory dumbed-down curriculums, Gillard describes herself as a traditionalist and argues for a back-to-basics approach to learning, where the subject disciplines are centre stage. As such, it should not surprise that the most recent round of national curriculum documents, released yesterday by the National Curriculum Board (appointed by the Rudd Government), embody a conservative approach.

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