

DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING JUNE 17, 2003

1. Board of Studies (NSW) Draft Strategic Plan 2003-2006

The Board agreed that, subject to a number of changes, the draft Strategic Plan should be endorsed.

2. Year 12-only Board Developed Courses and Cognitive Science

The Board agreed that any further development of Year 12-only courses should be suspended pending:

- (i) implementation of the Years 7-10 curriculum changes; and
- (ii) development and implementation of the Boards evaluation policy for total Stage 6 curriculum offerings and subsequent development of principles to determine the appropriateness of Year 12-only courses and whether there is a demonstrated need for such courses.

The Board further agreed that, in the interim, the Cognitive Science course materials should be made available to schools and universities for development as either a School Developed Course or a University Developed Board Endorsed Course. It was agreed that, at the time when the Board is developing a policy for evaluating the Stage 6 curriculum offerings as a whole, consideration should be given to investigating enhanced flexibility for Year 12 students by other means from within the existing curriculum offerings.

3. Primary Curriculum Project: progress report

The Board noted the progress report.

4. Potential areas for consolidation of the Stage 5 curriculum

The Board agreed that the criteria for development of Stage 6 Content Endorsed Courses should also be adopted as policy for Stage 5 Content Endorsed Courses. The Board further agreed that development of a Stage 5 elective Content Endorsed Course in Exercise and Sports Studies should be examined and that the demand for a Stage 5 elective Content Endorsed Course in Child Studies/Parenting should continue to be monitored.

5. Exercise and Sports Studies Stage 5 Content Endorsed Course

The Board endorsed the development of a draft writing brief for the above course.

6. Film, Television, Radio and Multimedia Feasibility Study: further information

The Board agreed that, following receipt of further advice from the national Industry Training Advisory Board, the Board not proceed at this stage with the development of a new VET Framework in the area of Film, Television, Radio and Multimedia.

7. Review of Non-Government Schools in NSW: progress report

The Board noted the progress report.

8. Descriptions of Levels of Achievement Consultation Model

The Board received a tabled paper and agreed that it should be included in the next number of the ***Board Bulletin***.

9. Texts prescribed for the Higher School Certificate

The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to school principals reminding them that study of texts prescribed for HSC English and HSC Drama may not begin before completion of the relevant Preliminary Course.