

DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2003

- 1. Aboriginal Education and Aboriginal Perspectives across the Curriculum.** The Board agreed that the paper should be revised, as discussed, and resubmitted to the Board at its next meeting as the basis for the Boards submission to the NSW Aboriginal Education Review.
- 2. Science Years 7-10 syllabus.** The Board noted the consultation report on the above draft syllabus and agreed that the syllabus should be endorsed and forwarded to the Deputy Premier for approval.
- 3. Stage 6 Mathematics courses.** The Board agreed to defer a decision on the timeframe for the review and development of the above courses until its December 2004 meeting.
- 4. Prescription of HSC Texts for English, Dance and Drama.** The Board agreed that the endorsement of the current Prescriptions lists for Drama and Dance should be extended to 2005 and that the endorsement of the current Prescriptions lists for English should be extended to 2006. The Board also endorsed the continuation in 2005 and 2006 of *Hamlet, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* and *King Lear*, as presently prescribed for the HSC English (Advanced) course. With respect to the proposals for development of the Prescriptions lists from 2005 onwards, the Board agreed that the Office of the Board should be requested to review the proposals in the context of the evaluation process for all syllabuses.
- 5. Revision of Stage 6 Languages Beginners Courses.** The Board endorsed the timeline, noting that it would be helpful if the work scheduled for late 2004 could be brought forward by one month.
- 6. Prescriptions of HSC Texts for Languages Extension and Background Speakers Courses.** The Board approved the proposal to extend the current Prescriptions for Languages Extension and Background Speakers Courses until 2005.
- 7. Photographic and Digital Media and Visual Design.** The Board confirmed the development of Photographic and Digital Media, and Visual Design, as Board Developed Courses. The Board also endorsed the new timelines for the development and implementation of these courses.
- 8. Report on the School Certificate Mathematics Test: questions in multiple-choice format that have more than one correct answer.** The Board agreed that the current multiple choice questions that have more than one correct answer should continue to be part of the School Certificate Mathematics Test. The Board further agreed that alternative formats for this type of question should be considered for introduction in the first School Certificate Test of the new syllabus in 2006.
- 9. The timing of the School Certificate Tests report on consultation.** The Board noted the report.