

**DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING JULY 27, 2004**

- 1. Extension Courses**  
The Board agreed that it should advise the Minister that further Extension courses should not be developed at this time. The Board also agreed that it should continue to monitor enrolment patterns.
- 2. Report of the progress of actions to implement recommendations of the report, *Time to Teach Time to Learn***  
The Board endorsed the mandatory outcomes for consultation, at the same time noting the importance of the support materials which will accompany the consultation on outcomes.
- 3. Physical Activity and Sports Studies Content Endorsed Course Years 7-10 Syllabus**  
The Board noted the draft syllabus consultation report, including a proposal to amend the course title. The Board agreed that the above syllabus should be endorsed.
- 4. Changes to Prescribed Texts for the 2005 HSC Stage 6 Italian Extension and Korean Background Speakers Courses**  
The Board agreed that extracts from the novel, *Jack Frusciante e uscito dal gruppo*, should be approved as an alternative prescribed text for the Stage 6 Italian Extension course for the 2005 HSC examination. The Board also approved the deletion of the film, *Seo Pyeon Jae*, from the Stage 6 course prescriptions for the Stage 6 Korean Background Speakers course.
- 5. The viability of Dutch as a Board Developed Course within the School Certificate curriculum**  
The Board endorsed the proposal to suspend Dutch as a School Certificate subject, with 2005 being the last year in which Dutch is offered as a Board Developed Course.
- 6. The use of simplified and full form (traditional) characters in the Stage 6 Chinese background speakers course**  
The Board agreed that the delay in implementing the sole use of simplified characters in examination texts and questions should continue until further notice. It was also agreed that the Office should consult with teachers, sectors and the Chinese community to collect information to inform any future decision on the move to using simplified characters only in examination texts and questions. The Board agreed that the Office should prepare a report to the Board on the information collected from the 2004 HSC.
- 7. Stage 6 Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework**  
The Board noted the consultation report on the above revised Framework and agreed that the Framework should be endorsed for submission to the Minister.
- 8. Status Report on Employability Skills**  
The Board noted the report.