

1. **Recognising outstanding achievement: new merit lists**

The Board endorsed the decision by the President on its behalf that there will be three achievement lists, as follows:

- (i) distinguished achievers – students who reach Band 6 standard by achieving a mark of 90 or more for a course;
- (ii) first place in course – the top student in each course who has reached band 6 standard; and
- (iii) students who have achieved all-round excellence in 10 or more units.

2. **Aboriginal Education Initiatives Advisory Committee**

The Board endorsed the terms of reference for the committee. The Board agreed that, subject to the Department of Education and Training being represented by four nominees and to the committee having power to co-opt additional assistance as required, the membership should be confirmed.

3. **K-10 Curriculum Framework**

The Board noted the framework (version 2) consultation report and approved the framework to provide the basis for commencing the evaluation of Years 7 to 10 syllabuses. The Board agreed that a refined version of the framework document, taking account of the Board's discussion at its September meeting, should be submitted to the Board for approval at its October meeting.

4. **Revision of syllabuses for Stages 4-5**

The Board approved the timeline for the evaluation and development of Stages 4-5 syllabuses. The Board agreed that Board Curriculum Committees should be established, as required, to monitor Stages 4-5 syllabus development projects.

5. **English Years 7 to 10 syllabus draft writing brief**

The Board agreed that the consultation report on the above draft writing brief and the responses to the issues raised in the report should be noted. The Board noted the Board Curriculum Committee's recommendation of the draft writing brief and agreed that the writing brief should be endorsed and forwarded to the Minister for noting. The Board approved the amended timeline for development of the syllabus.

6. **Consultation for the Mathematics Years K-10 writing brief**

The Board noted the above draft writing brief consultation report and appendices to the report. The Board further noted the Years K-6 and Years 7-10 Board Curriculum Committees' recommendation of the writing brief and agreed that the writing brief should be endorsed.

7. **The Michael School for Rudolf Steiner Education, Leichhardt**

The Board affirmed the decision by the Registration Committee that renewal of registration for The Michael School be refused. The Board further affirmed the decision by the Registration Committee that registration for The Michael School be cancelled as soon as possible

8. **Eligibility for Stage 6 Languages courses**

The Board endorsed the rules governing the eligibility for Stage 6 Beginners and Background Speakers Languages courses.

9. **English Stage 6 Prescriptions: Area of Study, Electives, Texts**

The Board agreed that the English Stage 6 *Prescriptions: Area of Study, Electives, Texts 2001 and 2002* should be retained for 2003.

10. **University Developed Board Endorsed Courses: Panel recommendations**

The Board agreed that the following 1 unit/1 year courses should be endorsed for 2002-2003: *Mind and Morality, Problem Solving and Communication in Science, Step up into Teaching, Understanding the Learning of Science* and *Learning for University*. The Board agreed that the 1 unit/1 year course *Springboard into Teaching* should be endorsed for 2002.

11. **Stage 6 Computing Applications Content Endorsed Course syllabus**

The Board noted the consultation report on the above draft syllabus and agreed that the amended syllabus should be endorsed for implementation in 2002 for Year 11.

12. **Stage 5 Work Education**

The Board agreed to recommend to the Minister that the above syllabus should be approved as a Board Developed syllabus for 2002 and 2003.

13. **2001 Higher School Certificate Consultative Committee and 2001 School Certificate Consultative Committee**

The Board approved the membership of the above committees and noted their respective schedules of activities and dates.

14. **Course enrolments in Stage 6**

The Board noted a tabled item, being a report containing Preliminary and HSC entries for 2001 and Preliminary entries for 2000.