



## DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2002

### 1. **Assessment and Reporting in the K-10 curriculum**

The Board noted the progress of the development of assessment and reporting advice for the K-10 curriculum framework.

### 2. **Human Society and its Environment: report from the review of Years 7-10**

The Board noted the report from the review of Human Society and its Environment Years 7-10 and endorsed the broad directions described in the report. The Board endorsed the development of writing briefs for the following subject areas based on the directions identified in the report:

- Aboriginal Studies
- Commerce
- Social and Cultural Studies
- Work Education.

The Board approved the establishment of three Board Curriculum Committees to oversee the syllabus development process:

- Aboriginal Studies/Social and Cultural Studies
- Commerce
- Work Education/Work Studies – this BCC will also oversee the development of Stage 6 Work Studies, previously approved by the Board as part of the Content Endorsed Courses revision project.

### 3. **Review of the Technological and Applied Studies Key Learning Area (TAS KLA) and the development of an overarching K-12 Technology Statement**

The Board noted evaluation reports for Years 7-10 Agriculture, Computing Studies, Design and Technology (mandatory), Design and Technology (additional), Food Technology, Sheep Husbandry and Wool Science, Technical Drawing, Technics and Textiles and Design. The Board endorsed the Broad Directions described in the K-12 Technology Statement. The Board further endorsed development of draft writing briefs for the following revised Years 7-10 syllabuses:

- Technology (mandatory)
- Agricultural Technology
- Design and Technology
- Food Technology
- Graphics Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Information and Software Technology
- Textiles Technology.

The Board endorsed the development of a paper on the feasibility of including a Marine and Aquaculture Technology syllabus as a Board Developed Course.

### 4. **Visual Arts Years 7-10 evaluation**

The Board noted the evaluation report for Visual Arts and endorsed the broad directions described in the report. The Board agreed that a draft writing brief for a revised syllabus should be developed based on the broad directions identified in the report. The Board endorsed the development of a paper on the feasibility of new electives in Visual Arts with reference to the *Criteria for approval of Board of Studies syllabuses* in the *K-10 Curriculum Framework*.

- 5. Music, Dance and Drama Years 7-10 evaluations**  
The Board noted the evaluation reports for Music, Dance and Drama and endorsed the broad directions described in the reports. The Board agreed that draft writing briefs for revised syllabuses in Music, Dance and Drama should be developed based on the broad directions identified in the reports.
- 6. Status report on the School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship**  
The Board noted the status report on the development of a scope statement, specimen test paper with sample marking guidelines and performance descriptions for the test report for the School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship. The Board agreed that it should form a sub-committee to endorse the specimen test and sample marking guidelines.
- 7. Proposed change to the format of the 2002 School Certificate Test in English-Literacy**  
The Board approved the proposed structure for the 2002 School Certificate English-literacy test.
- 8. Years 7-10 syllabus revision**  
The Board noted the progress report on the revision of the Years 7-10 syllabuses and the proposed process for review of Science, History and Geography.
- 9. Board Curriculum Committees: appointment of chairpersons and deputy chairpersons**  
The Board approved the list of chairpersons and deputy chairpersons.
- 10. Languages progress report**  
The Board noted the progress report for Languages.
- 11. Dance Stage 6 Course Prescriptions 2003-2004**  
The Board endorsed the Dance Stage 6 Course Prescriptions for 2003 and 2004.
- 12. University Developed Board Endorsed Courses in the New HSC**  
The Board endorsed the following course for 2002 and 2003: *Digital Media I* (Southern Cross University/Coffs Harbour Senior College), as a 1 unit course of one year's duration. The Board agreed that, subject to discussion with the Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards, the revised document, *University Developed Board Endorsed Courses in the New HSC: Guidelines and Application Form (February 2002)*, should be approved for placement on the Board's website and dissemination to all NSW and ACT universities.
- 13. Summary of 2001 School Certificate, Preliminary and Higher School Certificate appeals**  
The Board noted a summary of the above appeals.
- 14. 2001 School Certificate Grade Monitoring Report**  
The Board noted the results of the monitoring of 2001 School Certificate grades.