

DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING MAY 27, 2003

1. Aboriginal Languages Years K-10 syllabus. The Board agreed that the consultation report for the above draft syllabus should be noted and that the syllabus should be endorsed and forwarded to the Deputy Premier for approval.

2. Years 7-10 syllabuses. The Board agreed that the consultation reports for the draft syllabuses listed below should be noted and that the syllabuses should be endorsed and forwarded to the Deputy Premier for approval.

- History
- Information and Software Technology
- Agricultural Technology

The Board further agreed that the History Years 7-10 syllabus should be implemented with Years 7 and 9 in 2005 and Years 8 and 10 in 2006.

3. Years 7-10 writing briefs. The Board noted the consultation reports for the draft writing briefs listed below and agreed that the writing briefs should be approved and forwarded to the Minister for noting.

- Photographic and Digital Media
- Visual Design

4. Board Endorsed Courses. The Board agreed that a paper should be prepared on the issue of Life Skills in relation to Board Endorsed Courses.

5. Amendment to the Stage 6 PDHPE syllabus. The Board endorsed the proposed change to the above syllabus for implementation in 2004 and first examination in 2005.

6. Stage 6 Cognitive Science syllabus. The Board agreed that the Office of the Board should be requested to prepare an options paper concerning (a) the future of the Cognitive Science course and (b) the future of HSC only Board Developed Courses, as recommended in the Governments HSC White Paper Securing Their Future. It was also agreed that this options paper should be distributed with the agenda materials for the 17 June meeting of the Board and be placed as a matter for decision/discussion on that agenda. The Board further agreed that the chair of the Cognitive Science Board Curriculum Committee should be requested to obtain the views of the BCC on the implications if the development of the course is (a) continued, (b) postponed or (c) terminated and that this advice be provided in writing by the chair for the 17 June meeting of the Board. The Board agreed that the Office of the Board should advise schools that a Cognitive Science course will not be available for delivery in 2005.