



**DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES  
MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

- 1. Evaluation and revision of the Board's Strategic Plan**  
The Board considered the Strategic Plan for 2004-2008. It was agreed that Board members should be given further opportunity to review the plan with written comments to be provided to the Office in advance of the March Board meeting and the next iteration of the plan listed for that meeting.
- 2. ANTA Funded Curriculum Corporation Projects: National Consistency in VET in Schools: Terminology and Assessment for Tertiary Entrance**  
The Board agreed that, subject to an amendment by the Board, the comments provided in the paper should be endorsed as the basis for the Board's submission to the National Consistency in VET in Schools consultation paper.
- 3. Report from working group on national developments**  
The Board noted an oral report.
- 4. Inquiry into recruitment and training of teachers**  
The Board considered the terms of reference of the Inquiry and agreed that the Office should be requested to prepare a draft response reflecting the perspective of the Board, for the Board's consideration at its next meeting.
- 5. Demonstration of work in progress to support school-determined grades for the School Certificate credential and report on consultation regarding Year 10 grades in Mathematics**  
The Board viewed a presentation on work being undertaken to support school-determined grades for the School Certificate credential. The Board also considered a tabled paper and agreed that, with respect to the method for reporting school-based assessment in Mathematics for the School Certificate from 2006, the nomenclature A10, A9, B8, B7, C6, C5, D4, D3 and E2 should be used and work continue as proposed in the paper.
- 6. Stage 6 Studies of Religion syllabus**  
The Board noted the consultation report for the above syllabus and agreed that, subject to the endorsement of the examination specifications (listed for the Board's next meeting), the syllabus should be endorsed and forwarded to the Minister for approval.
- 7. Primary curriculum: progress report on implementation of the *Time to Teach Time to Learn* report**  
The Board noted an update on the above project.

**8. Dance Stage 6 course prescriptions 2006-2008**

The Board noted the consultation report for the above prescriptions and agreed that the prescriptions should be endorsed. The Board also agreed that, acknowledging the importance of Australian content, the Office of the Board should be requested to pursue negotiations to include such content as a priority.

**9. Drama Stage 6 course prescriptions 2006-2008**

The Board noted the consultation report for the above prescriptions and agreed that the prescriptions should be endorsed.

**10. Proposal to amend the Stage 6 Persian Background Speakers syllabus**

The Board noted the report.

**11. Malay Background Speakers Course: Prescribed Themes**

The Board noted the amendments to the prescribed themes in the above course.

**12. Progress report on the use of simplified and full form (traditional) characters in the 2004 HSC Chinese Background Speakers examination**

The Board noted the progress report.