DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES’ MEETING JULY 26, 2005

1. Consultation on defining mandatory outcomes in the K-6 curriculum: conclusion and proposals
The Board endorsed the direction taken, namely that stage statements form the appropriate level for organising the Primary curriculum and should be the basis for further work.

2. Assessment rank appeal in HSC English Extension 2, 2004
The Board approved the review panel’s recommendation and agreed that the appeal should be declined.

3. Review into allegations of cheating in the HSC
The Board received a tabled paper concerning allegations of HSC candidates being provided with inappropriate assistance in the preparation of HSC school assessment tasks. The Board endorsed the President’s action in appointing a review team to prepare a report for the Board, which will form the Board’s advice to ICAC.

4. National consistency in curriculum outcomes (NCCO) project
The Board heard a presentation by the Project Director and Phase 2 Project Manager. The Board also received a tabled paper and endorsed the proposed process, at the same time noting the importance of engaging with the business and special education communities as part of the process.

5. Credentialling the School Certificate 2006: final recommendations
The Board approved the approach to credentialing for the School Certificate in 2006, as presented in the various mocked-up documents attached to the Board paper.

The Board endorsed the following directions for the 2006 School Certificate Computing Skills test:
   (i) the structure of the test remain as for the 2005 trial test;
   (ii) the time allowed for the test be 75 minutes unless the results of the 2005 trial indicate otherwise;
   (iii) schools be allowed to offer the test in either pen-and-paper or online form;
   (iv) the online test be offered in a flexible delivery format over a number of days following the other School Certificate tests.

7. Submission to the Inquiry into Australia’s relationship with the Republic of Korea
The Board approved the submission.

The Board noted the procedures undertaken for the revision of the 2002 edition of the ACE Manual.

9. Interim report on the impact of the Disability Standards for Education on the NSW Board of Studies
The Board noted the information.

10. Provision of distance education for students outside New South Wales
The Board noted the paper.