



DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES' MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2005

1. Report of the Assessment and Reporting Steering Committee

The Board noted the progress report.

2. National Issues Working Party

The Board received a verbal report on the current status of various national issues.

3. National Consistency in Curriculum Outcomes project

The Board noted the advice of the National Steering Committee and endorsed the interim responses to the draft Statements of Learning for Civics and Citizenship and Science.

4. Action Plan – Recommendations of the HSC Tutoring Allegations Review

The Board discussed and endorsed an action plan, developed in response to the recommendations of the HSC Tutoring Allegations Review. This plan will be implemented progressively, commencing in February 2006 with the distribution of advice to students, parents and teachers regarding plagiarism.

5. Formation of a Standing Appeals Committee

The Board agreed to seek the Minister's approval for the formation of a standing committee to investigate appeals in relation to the award of the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate.

6. Vocational English

A paper on this issue was noted by the Board.

7. HSC English prescriptions 2008-2011 – proposed Areas of Study

A decision on this matter was deferred to the Board's next meeting.

8. Request to outsource more than a minority of courses

The Board approved requests from six schools catering for students with special needs, to outsource more than a minority of courses from an overall pattern of study. This approval will be effective immediately and continue for the current period of registration and for any period of renewed registration that commences on 1 January 2006.

9. Internal reviews of registration decisions

The Board was advised that the Christian Schools Australia registration system no longer covers the Obadiah Christian College, and thus that the school will need to lodge an application for registration within one month.

The Board noted that Stott's Secondary College has withdrawn its application for renewal of registration and accreditation.

10. Stage 6 Beginners languages

The Board noted the Consultation Report on the Stage 6 Languages Beginners Draft Syllabuses. The revised Stage 6 Beginners syllabuses in Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish were endorsed for submission to the Minister.

11. Latin prescribed texts – amendment to the rate of rotation

The period of rotation for Latin prescribed texts was amended from two to three years.

12. Studying and credentialling courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content

The Board approved changes to the credentialling of courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content. These changes will allow such courses to be credentialled, where appropriate, in a way that is consistent with the credentialling of courses based on regular outcomes and content.