



## DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES' MEETING – 9 MAY 2006

- 1. Systematic evaluation of syllabuses – Science Key Learning Area**  
The Board noted the report, and asked that a version suitable for publication on the Board's website be prepared. The Board also agreed to make immediate minor amendments to the Stage 6 Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics and Senior Science syllabuses, as detailed in the report. These amendments will be communicated via Official Notices and the website versions of the syllabuses will be updated.
- 2. Systematic evaluation of syllabuses – English Key Learning Area**  
The Board appointed a sub-committee of members to work with Board officers on issues raised in this paper, and to report back to a future meeting.
- 3. HSC English prescriptions**  
The Board agreed to extend the current HSC English prescriptions by one year to include the 2008 HSC candidature. The Board also agreed that schools, individual teachers, school sectors and key groups be invited to contribute ideas for the Area of Study, electives and texts to apply from the 2009 HSC.
- 4. Revised prescriptions – Classical Hebrew Continuers course**  
The current prescriptions were extended to include the 2007 HSC, and new prescriptions for 2008 to 2012 were approved.
- 5. Report on national issues**  
The recently released report on an Australian Certificate of Education was noted and it was agreed that a sub-committee of members would consider the report in detail prior to the next Board meeting.
- 6. Preliminary and HSC entries, Term 1, 2006**  
This report was noted.
- 7. HSC *All My Own Work* – draft project brief**  
The Board noted a progress report on this project and endorsed the Draft Project Brief.
- 8. Revised Metal and Engineering Industry Curriculum Framework**  
The Board noted the Consultation Report and agreed to recommend the revised syllabus to the Minister.

- 9. Report on the non-government schools registration program 2005**  
This report was noted.
- 10. Edits to the registration of non-government schools manuals**  
The Board agreed to recommend to the Minister that the proposed amendments to the manuals, as detailed in the paper, be approved.
- 11. Amendments to annual school reporting for non-government schools**  
The Board endorsed the draft amendments to the Educational and Financial Reporting section of the manuals for consideration by the Minister.
- 12. Update to the Board's Strategic Plan (2005-2009)**  
The Board approved the suggested revisions to the Strategic Plan.
- 13. Anti-plagiarism software**  
Having considered detailed advice regarding anti-plagiarism software, the Board agreed that it would not recommend its use within schools nor use it as part of the HSC marking operation.