



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.
6. **Report on the Trial Computing Skills Test, and directions for the Computing Skills Test from 2006**
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.
8. **Revision of the Assessment, Certification and Examination (ACE) Manual**
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.