



DECISIONS BY THE BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING MAY 3, 2005

1. **Report on progress of the Board of Studies Strategic Planning Sub-Committee**
The Board noted the progress in developing the Board's 2005-2009 Strategic Plan.
2. **Board of Studies National Issues Working Party report**
The Board's National Issues Working Party had recently met to consider a range of issues. The Board noted a status report.
3. **Primary curriculum: draft report on consultation on mandatory outcomes in K-6 curriculum**
The Board noted the interim report.
4. **Amendments to the *Registered and Accredited Individual Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual* and the *Registration Systems and Member Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual***
The Board endorsed the amendments to sections 3.2 and 5.2 of the respective manuals and agreed that the amendments should be forwarded to the Minister for approval. The Board also approved the amendments to sections 3.10 and 4.6 of the respective manuals to require that a return be provided to the Board if, following an investigation by a relevant agency or authority, a registered school, member school or approved authority is formally notified in writing by that agency or authority of a breach of the *Institute of Teachers Act 2004*, and agreed that the amendments should be forwarded to the Minister for approval. The Board approved the amendments to the relevant sections of the forms as noted in the attachments to the Board paper.
5. **Systematic evaluation of syllabuses**
The Board endorsed the process for the systematic evaluation of syllabuses.
6. **Preliminary and HSC Entries, Term 1, 2005**
The Board noted the report.
7. **Progress report on the proposal to amend the Persian Background Speakers syllabus**
The Board noted the current status of collaboration with the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia on the proposed amendments to the above syllabus.
8. **Report on the 2004 Trial Computing Skills Test**
The Board noted the report on the 2004 trial and the directions for the trial in 2005.
9. **School Certificate 2006 testing and credentialing: final recommendations**
The Board approved the recommended amendments to the specifications for the School Certificate tests, as set out in appendix 'A' of the paper. The Board also approved the development of a components report based on the School Certificate tests to be made available to schools through the Board's *Results Analysis Package*. The Board noted that it will receive further advice about the nature of the certification.
10. **Nomination by the Department of Education and Training to the Board of Studies' Registration and Accreditation of Non-government Schools Committee**
The Board endorsed the Department's nomination of Mr Martin Graham, Assistant Director, Interagency Policy, External Relations Policy Directorate, to the Registration Committee.
11. **Proposed joint meeting with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)**
The Board approved a proposed joint meeting with the VCAA to be held on July 26th.