DISTINCTION COURSES 2004

Distinction Courses will be offered in 2004 for study by eligible students across New South Wales. In the longer term, the Board will consider the position of the Distinction Courses program during its assessment of the Stage 6 curriculum, to be conducted after the implementation of the Years 7–10 curriculum changes.

As in past years Distinction Courses will be available in Philosophy, Cosmology and Comparative Literature and will be delivered through distance education by universities.

These challenging university-level courses are especially designed for gifted and talented students. Each course consists of 2 units of study that are additional to the 10 units required for the HSC study pattern. Results in Distinction Courses can be counted towards the calculation of a student’s Universities Admission Index (UAI) if they are among the student’s best 10 units in Board Developed HSC courses.

The 2004 Distinction Courses Program will be organised along the same lines as in previous years.

To be eligible for consideration for a place in a Distinction Course a student must complete one HSC course at the highest course level a year ahead of the student’s Year cohort. Other selection criteria also apply.

Details about the program are contained in the document Higher School Certificate: Distinction Courses: An Information Booklet. Look under ‘Manuals and Guides’ on the Board’s website to view the full text of the document (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/index.html#hsc_distinct_courses).

Detailed advice about expressing interest in the study of a Distinction Course in 2004, together with an Expression of Interest form, will also be available in Board Bulletin, Vol 12, No 4.