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Don't miss out!

The Board's website is the place to find all the news and Official Notices about syllabus amendments, text lists, exam and assessment changes, new services and support materials.



The best way to be sure you don't miss anything is to subscribe to the Board's email news alerts.

Email alerts are simple, they're free, and they won't overload your inbox.

It works like this: overnight the alert service checks for new articles published on the Board's website and compiles a single, simple email with direct links to any new items.

Very early the next morning, usually around 4 am, the email is sent to all subscribers. The message will be waiting for you when you are ready to read it. It takes very little time to open the email, check the links and see if anything is of interest to you or your colleagues.

You will never get more than one email alert from the Board per day, and it will often be less than that.

You can cut down your emails even more by only subscribing to Official Notice alerts. Official Notices are about important Board rules, procedures and syllabus changes.

The last Board Bulletin of 2008 reminded schools that from 2009 Official Notices are only published online. This digest will be published in 2009 to provide an index of what has been posted on the Board's website.

It is very important to have at least one email subscriber in your school who can check for Official Notices and other important information from the Board.

The 'Get the news' link on the home page of the Board's website will take you to the news subscription services.

As well as the email service, you can get Board news updates at-a-glance by grabbing the Board's RSS feed for your favourite News Reader.

And if you'd like to see the Board's news immediately it's published, we'll give it to you in Tweets on Twitter. Go to <http://twitter.com/NewsAtBOS> to sign up.

Questions? information@bos.nsw.edu.au ■

News items published between 18 December 2008 and 26 March 2009

Items on http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au	Posted
Distinguished Achievers in the 2008 HSC honoured The Distinguished Achievers List and the All Rounders List.	18/12/08
Stage 6 Mathematics – Update Report on the progress of the syllabuses.	19/12/08
HSC Design Showcase Opens The DesignTECH exhibition opened on the 19 December 2008.	22/12/08
Rees to raise school leaving age to give students a better chance of a job From 2010 all students in NSW will complete Year 10.	28/1/09
Business Services Curriculum Framework Support Materials now available	3/2/09
Tourism and Events Curriculum Framework Support Materials now available	3/2/09
Hospitality Curriculum Framework Support Materials now available	3/2/09
VET in Stage 5 and HSC: All My Own Work Advice for schools offering VET in Stage 5.	3/2/09
ARTEXPRESS Hazelhurst gallery guide now available Guides will be available on the Board's website for all 2009 exhibitions.	9/2/09
2009 HSC, Year 11 and SC event timetables Timetables for 2009 events for Stage 6 and School Certificate.	11/2/09
Changes to the 2010 HSC Examinations and Assessments The Board has decided on changes to start with the 2010 HSC cohort.	16/2/09
Updates on Special Examination Provisions. Audits prove HSC special provisions are fair Two new reports.	21/2/09
Latest News on Stage 6 Mathematics Syllabuses	24/2/09
Electrotechnology Curriculum Framework Support Materials now available	27/2/09
Automotive Support Materials now available	27/2/09
Your Local BOSLO in 2009 Board of Studies Liaison Officers (BOSLOs) contact details.	2/3/09
Top three ways to get BOS news – email, RSS and now on Twitter	2/3/09
New medal for Premier's Awards for All-round Excellence in the HSC	3/3/09
School Developed Board Endorsed Courses - Guidelines and Application Forms For schools wishing to submit School Developed Course proposals.	5/3/09
Co-signed Letter to the Editor, Sydney Morning Herald, Special Examination Provisions	12/3/09
VET Curriculum Writers – Call for Expressions of Interest	13/3/09
Reminder! Every school needs a subscriber to Board news	16/3/09
2009 HSC Languages Oral Examinations Timetable	17/3/09
Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize honours three brave HSC students	20/3/09
Quality not quantity is the key to 2010 HSC	24/3/09
2008 HSC Examination Papers are online	26/3/09
2008 School Certificate Test Papers now online	26/3/09

Official Notices published between 18 December 2008 and 26 March 2009

- BOS 01/09 – Science and Technology K–6 Update – posted 11 February 2009
 BOS 02/09 – Amendments to PDHPE Stage 6 Syllabus – posted 6 March 2009
 BOS 03/09 – ON withdrawn and republished as ‘expressions of interest’
 BOS 04/09 – Registration applications – a reminder – posted 10 March 2009
 BOS 05/09 – Errata – Tourism and Events Curriculum Framework Syllabus – posted 13 March 2009
 BOS 06/09 – English Stage 6 Prescriptions 2009-2012: Update on Prescribed Editions – posted 13 March 2009
 BOS 07/09 – 2008 Annual Reports from Non-government Schools – posted 16 March 2009
 BOS 08/09 – Approved scientific calculators for the 2009 HSC examinations – posted 18 March 2009
 BOS 09/09 – New Construction Curriculum Framework in 2010 – posted 19 March 2009
 BOS 10/09 – Amendments to the Automotive Curriculum Framework Stage 6 Syllabus – posted 24 March 2009

Positions vacant between 18 December 2008 and 26 March 2009

Applications for the following positions have now closed but if you would like to hear about future job opportunities please subscribe to our Board News and Official Notices (see page 1 for email, RSS or Twitter options).

Position	Posted
Board Inspector (Primary) Chief Education Officer	20/2/09
Board of Studies Liaison Officer	23/2/09
Senior Project Officer	23/2/09
VET Curriculum Writers – Call for Expressions of Interest	13/3/09

Most read news on the web (top 5)

	Hits	Topic	Posted
1.	39,133	Distinguished Achievers in the 2008 HSC honoured	18/12/08
2.	6,580	Changes to the 2010 HSC Examinations and Assessments	16/2/09
3.	4,648	Stage 6 Mathematics – Update Latest News on Stage 6 Mathematics Syllabuses	19/12/08 & 24/2/09
4.	2,348	Updates on Special Examination Provisions Audits prove HSC special provisions are fair	21/2/09 & 21/2/09
5.	1,598	2009 HSC, Year 11 and SC event timetables	11/2/09

What's big on the BOS sites ?

Even in Term 1, the quietest time for Board web traffic, visitor numbers have grown more than 10 percent over the same period last year. From the day after HSC results were released to the day this digest went to press (18/12/08 to 26/3/09), the Board's four largest websites recorded the following:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> – 4.6 million pages viewed by 952,806 visitors

<http://k6.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> – 443,579 pages viewed by 110,911 visitors

<http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> – 508,957 pages viewed by 72,528 visitors

<http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au> – 256,694 pages viewed by 68,673 visitors

Are you finding everything you need on the Board's websites? Send your thoughts to information@bos.nsw.edu.au

SMH HSC and Careers Expo 2009

The Board of Studies is proudly supporting the Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo to be held at Sydney's Randwick Racecourse, 15–17 May 2009. The Expo will provide students, parents and teachers with information and resources for the HSC, as well as career and study advice and options for further study.

During the Expo, Board representatives will be available to answer questions at the BOS stall and will present 18 seminars across a range of HSC topics:

Friday 15 May 2009

Time	Seminar Topic
11.00am	HSC Exams and Assessments
11.45am	HSC General Mathematics
12.30pm	HSC major works and major projects
1.15pm	HSC English Area of Study – Belonging
2.00pm	HSC Modern History
2.45pm	HSC Modern Languages

Saturday 16 May 2009

Time	Seminar Topic
10.15am	HSC Exams and Assessments
11.00am	HSC English: An overview and advice on extended responses
11.45am	HSC Biology
1.15pm	HSC Chemistry
2.45pm	HSC General Mathematics
3.30pm	HSC Studies of Religion 1 & 2

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Sunday 17 May 2009

Time	Seminar Topic
11.00am	HSC Exams and Assessments
11.45am	HSC English: An overview and advice on extended responses
12.30pm	HSC Ancient History
1.15pm	HSC Business Studies
2.45pm	HSC 2 Unit Mathematics
3.30pm	HSC PDHPE

For more information and to order tickets to this event, please visit www.hscandcareers.com.au ■

Primary Parents' Guide

More than 100,000 copies of the *Parents' Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses* have been delivered across NSW to 2009 kindergarten parents as well as primary school staff. The guide helps parents to understand their child's progress through primary school and what they can expect to learn.

Extra copies of the guide are available for purchase during the year by calling the Customer Service Unit on (02) 9367 8178, or emailing service@bos.nsw.edu.au. ■

