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All the key HSC syllabus and assessment pages are now linked from one simple landing page http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc – and organised by subject areas as well as quick alphabetical indexes.

For the first time, the HSC exam and assessment advice for each course is published as a separate document, rather than appearing in different places in each syllabus. This is particularly useful for students and others with an interest in several different syllabuses.

The new organisation means the online information is easier to navigate around all the materials teachers and students are accustomed to finding in several

different locations on the Board's website. Apart from outdated information, all the previous syllabus documents, assessment advice and support materials have been retained and brought together in this new design.

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The new syllabus pages will be progressively updated as the 2010 HSC changes to exams and assessment advice are finalised for each subject. Read about the background to those changes at <http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2009/2/16/Changes-to-the-2010-HSC-Examinations-and-Assessments> ■

News items published between 27 March 2009 and 25 June 2009

Items on http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au	Posted
Ticket offer coming soon - watch this space!	27/03/09
Dishcloth couture wins People's Choice at DesignTECH exhibition	27/03/09
Top music students in Opera House showcase	27/03/09
Students, Teachers, Parents - get it from the source and win! Subscribe to the Board's email alerts for the latest curriculum and examination news and information.	30/03/09
Outstanding HSC designs come to Grafton Multimedia wheelchair tray design wins regional DesignTECH award.	31/03/09
Seen the HSC Expo ticket giveaway? Pass it on!	3/04/09
Anzac Day is approaching - get Gallipoli resources here A collection of Anzac teaching resources are available at www.anzacday.gov.au	6/04/09
In your school now - the new Board Bulletin Digest edition	8/04/09
Outstanding HSC designs on show in Newcastle DesignTech exhibition featuring 22 local HSC designs opens in Newcastle.	27/04/09
All 250 SMH HSC and Careers Expo passes have gone!	27/04/09
HSC written exam timetable and PIN for Students Online out on Friday 1 May 2009	29/04/09
2009 Higher School Certificate examination timetable online today	30/04/09
HSC Students - check out your personal exam timetable on Students Online!	30/04/09
AMEB NSW - Music studios for hire	1/05/09
Business Studies to start 2009 HSC Business Studies is the first exam in this year's HSC.	1/05/09
Specimen HSC examination packages now online	7/05/09
Consultation on the Draft Construction Curriculum Framework Consultation on the draft syllabus will run from 15 May to 12 June 2009.	12/05/09
New President for the Board of Studies NSW Tom Alegounarias announced as the new President of the NSW Board of Studies.	13/05/09
Notes from the Marking Centre available online	14/05/09
ARTEXPRESS Wollongong gallery guide now available	15/05/09
VET Course numbers for 2009	19/05/09
Dr John Bennett named as recipient of prestigious award	19/05/09
New online opportunity to comment on NSW curriculum Share your thoughts using the Board's online Syllabus Feedback Form.	27/05/09
Parkes DesignTECH Exhibition Media opportunity Exhibition of outstanding 2008 HSC Design and Technology major projects in Parkes.	1/06/09
Outstanding HSC designs come to Parkes 2008 HSC student from Dubbo named winner of regional award for children's storage design.	2/06/09
Inaugural HSC and Careers Expo Thousands attend SMH HSC and Careers Expo, 15–17 May 2009.	3/06/09

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HSC assessments and 'swine flu'	
Policy if HSC assessment tasks are disrupted due to swine flu.	5/06/09
UAI changes to ATAR, HSC remains the same	10/06/09
Tamworth DesignTECH exhibition – media opportunity	16/06/09
REMINDER! HSC assessments and 'swine flu'	17/06/09
Outstanding HSC designs come to Tamworth	18/06/09
All in one place! New HSC syllabus page launched	19/06/09
HSC exams and 'swine flu'	25/06/09

Official Notices

- BOS 11/09 – Amendments to the Retail Services and Tourism and Events Curriculum Frameworks – delivery of loss prevention unit of competency
- BOS 12/09 – Official Notice - Stage 6 Mathematics update
- BOS 13/09 – K-6 Science and Technology Syllabus Development update
- BOS 14/09 – Changes to HSC Examination Rubrics for English
- BOS 15/09 – Exclusions applying to VET Board Endorsed Courses and Industry Curriculum Frameworks
- BOS 16/09 – Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer within VET Courses
- BOS 17/09 – Advice to Teachers of Science
- BOS 18/09 – Official Notice - Internal assessment and the HSC examination in English Extension 2 from 2010
- BOS 19/09 – Official Notice - Automotive Curriculum Framework – broadening of elective choice

Positions vacant since 27 March 2009

Program Coordinator, Marker Support, Examinations Branch, Clerk Grade 7/8, Temporary full-time, (up to 1 year while substantive officer on maternity leave) closing date 10 July.

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.

Head, Assessment Unit, Assessment and Reporting Branch, Principal Education Officer, Permanent Full-time.

Head, Measurement and Research Services Unit, Assessment and Reporting Branch, Chief Education Officer Grade 1, Permanent Full-time.

Chief Systems Officer, Application Development, Information Technology Branch, Clerk Grade 11/12, Permanent Full-time.

Replacement Certificates Officer, Records and Strategic Business Systems Branch, Clerk General Scale, Permanent Part-time.

Board news alert subscribers passes 4000

Since last February, the number of verified subscribers to the Board's news alert service has trebled to 4,000. More and more people are now regularly reading the Board's news items after receiving an email alert. To subscribe go to <http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> and enter your email address in the 'subscribe by email' field on the right-hand side or contact information@bos.nsw.edu.au

UAI changed to ATAR

The Universities Admissions Centre has announced that NSW is changing the University Admission Index (UAI) to a new Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR will use 99.95 as its top rank point, rather than 100. This change will have no impact on the HSC as these marks report on what a student has achieved in each course.

ENCORE HSC 2008 CD out now!

The audio CD of outstanding performances and compositions by 2008 HSC Music students is now available. The CD was recorded at the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall on 16 March 2009 and can be purchased through Shop Online at <https://bosho.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/links/shoponline.html>



ARC for primary assessment and reporting



The Assessment Resource Centre on the Board's website provides assessment and reporting support for Kindergarten to Year 6. Suitable for teachers, it includes samples of student work demonstrating typical standards across grade levels. Subjects include Mathematics and English for all stages, with the addition of Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment, Creative Arts, and Physical Development, Health and Physical Education for Stage 2 and 3 only.

The Assessment Resource Centre can be accessed by visiting <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au> ■