

Official Notices

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IMPORTANT

The information below is the Board's official advice to schools of the decisions it has taken, and should be acted upon as such. Please ensure the *Official Notices* are circulated to all teaching staff.

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Amended Stage 6 Science syllabuses to be implemented for 2003 HSC

**BOS
59/02**

At its meeting on 17 September, the Board determined that the amended Stage 6 Science syllabuses should now be implemented simultaneously for the 2003 HSC cohort and the 2003 Preliminary cohort.

The outcomes and content of the amended syllabuses will form the basis of the HSC examinations from 2003.

To assist teachers in identifying the content that has been deleted, both the amended syllabuses and a version of each syllabus showing the deleted text have been posted on the Board's website.

The amended syllabuses will be reprinted and distributed to schools in early December 2002.

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Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework

**BOS
60/02**

The Board wishes to advise schools that the Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework 2002 was endorsed by the Board at the May, 2002 meeting. The Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework is available for implementation from Year 11, 2003.

The 240-hour course from the Entertainment Industry Curriculum Framework will be examined for the Higher School Certificate from 2004.

Effective: **Year 11, 2003**

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English Stage 6 Prescriptions for 2003 – possible unavailability of film text BOS 61/02

The Board wishes to advise that due to very recent changes in distribution rights there may be some difficulty in obtaining a film text that is included in *English Stage 6 Prescriptions: Area of Study, Electives and Texts for Higher School Certificate 2001–2003*.

The text is:

- Scott, Ridley, *Blade Runner – Director's Cut*, Warner, 1982, in the English (Advanced) course, Module A: Comparative Study of Texts and Contexts, Elective 2: In the Wild, Prose Fiction and Film.

Schools should note that the text *Orlando* (Potter, Sally, 21st Century, 1993) in the English Extension 1 course, Module B: Texts and Ways of Thinking, Elective 2, Postmodernism, is no longer available from 21st Century. However it can be obtained through the educational distributor, Ronin Films, (02) 6248 0851.

Schools are advised to ascertain the availability of texts from their suppliers prior to deciding on electives and texts for 2003.

Effective: Immediately

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Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize – Call for Nominations BOS 62/02

Nominations are being sought for the 2002 Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize, which will be presented at the Premier's Awards for Excellence at the Higher School Certificate early in 2003. The award was established as a memorial to the late Brother John Taylor, a distinguished educationist and member of the Board of Studies.

The Trust Deed governing the prize stipulates that the Trust Fund be applied 'to provide an annual prize to a student or students who have overcome significant disadvantage to achieve academic excellence in the New South Wales Higher School Certificate'.

There is no set form of nomination. However, it is important to note that the prime requirements are to 'overcome significant disadvantage' and 'achieve academic excellence'. Both factors carry equal weight, and the Trustees can only make their decision based on the material submitted.

'Significant disadvantage' may be demonstrated by circumstances such as a medical condition, disrupted home life or ongoing disability. Nominations must be fully documented and supported by relevant evidence from independent professionals, such as doctors, counsellors or other appropriate sources.

The factor of 'academic excellence' is assessed from school and Office of the Board of Studies records. The performance of nominees during the school years should be highlighted and supported by relevant school reports or other appropriate evidence.

It cannot be stressed too strongly that the Trustees can only make their decision based on the written material submitted, and this should be fully self-explanatory.

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday 10 December 2002.

Nominations should be sent to:

Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize Nominations
Examinations and Certification Branch
Office of the Board of Studies
GPO Box 5300, Sydney NSW 2001

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