

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.

The decision or advice contained in each notice is effective immediately (that is, on and from the date of publication of this edition of *Official Notices*) unless another date is specified in the notice, in which case the effective date is the date so specified.

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Amendment to Prescription for 2005 Spanish Extension Course

**BOS
29/04**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of an amendment to the prescription for the 2005 Higher School Certificate Spanish Extension course.

From the 2005 HSC course, two alternative texts will be prescribed for study.

The prescribed texts for 2005 are:

EITHER

- The film, *Barrio*, Fernando León de Aranoa
- OR
- The novel, *Los cachorros*, by Mario Vargas Llosa, Chapters 1 to 6.

In the 2005 HSC examination, questions will be set on each prescription. Students will have the option of answering questions on either one of the prescriptions.

The extracts set for study for 2005 from the film *Barrio* remain as published on the Board's website, that is scenes 02–04, pp 24–40 *En el escaparate ...*; scenes 15–17, pp 79–88; scenes 28–32, pp 115–136; scenes 50–54, pp 183–193; scenes 55–63, pp 194–217; scenes 67–72, pp 226–233; scenes 77–80, pp 246–250.

Please note that the prescribed issues remain unchanged and apply to both prescribed texts.

Please see the Board's website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/syllabus2000_listc.html for detailed information.

Effective: Term 4, 2004

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Suspension of Czech, Latvian, Lithuanian and Slovenian CCAFL Courses

**BOS
30/04**

Following a recommendation of the Australasian Curriculum Assessment and Certification Authorities (ACACA), the Board wishes to advise that the CCAFL courses in Czech, Latvian, Lithuanian and Slovenian will be suspended after the 2005 HSC examinations.

In view of the very small candidatures of some CCAFL (Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages) courses, ACACA recommended the suspension of a language once the candidature falls below a specified figure. Should demand and sustainability increase to a level where the language would again become viable as an HSC course, the course may be reinstated.

Should there be sufficient interest in NSW, a school may seek approval to offer one or more of these languages as a Board Endorsed School Developed Course.

Effective: Last examination 2005 HSC

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Deletion of Content Endorsed Electrotechnology Courses

**BOS
31/04**

The accreditation by the NSW Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (VETAB) for the following courses will lapse at the end of 2005:

- 90310NSW Certificate II in Electrical Trade VET for Schools
- 90311NSW Certificate II in Refrigeration Trade VET for Schools
- 90312NSW Certificate II in Computer/Electronics VET for Schools.

Schools are advised that as a consequence of this the current Content Endorsed Electrotechnology Course (both school and TAFE delivered) will cease to be available for commencing students from Term 1, 2005.

This includes:

- 30800 Introduction to Electrotechnology
2 units, 1 year
- 30810 Introduction to Electrotechnology
1 unit, 2 years
- 30820 Electrotechnology – Computer/Electronics
2 units, 1 year
- 30830 Electrotechnology – Computer/Electronics
2 units, 2 years
- 43370 Electrotechnology – Electrical Trade
2 units, 1 year
- 43380 Electrotechnology – Electrical Trade
2 units, 2 years
- 43390 Electrotechnology – Refrigeration Trade
2 units, 1 year
- 43400 Electrotechnology – Refrigeration Trade
2 units, 2 years.

Students currently enrolled in a Content Endorsed Electrotechnology Course may complete the second year of the course in 2005. No new enrolments will be accepted for this course in 2005.

TAFE NSW will continue to offer pathways to trade qualifications in this industry area. Schools should contact their TAFE Institute Consultant – TVET for further information.

Effective: Term 1, 2005
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**English Stage 6 Prescriptions for BOS
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Confirmation of website details for the 2005 HSC

HSC Standard English

- p 14 (Module B: Close Study of Text – Multimedia):
Australian War Memorial website.

The details of prescribed sections of this website are correct for the 2005 Higher School Certificate.

These sections can be accessed through the site map or directly through www.awm.gov.au/1918

HSC Advanced English

- p 20 (Module B: Critical Study of Texts – Multimedia):
ATSIC website.

The details of prescribed sections of this website are correct for the 2005 Higher School Certificate.

These sections can be accessed through the site map or directly through www.atsic.gov.au

Effective: Immediately

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**Registration and Accreditation of BOS
Non-government Schools NSW 33/04**

Rules of the Board

Pursuant to the Board's rule-making powers under Section 131 of the *Education Act 1990*, the *Registered and Accredited Individual Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual* and the *Registration Systems and Member Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual* constitute the rules set out by the Board with respect to registration and accreditation.

A copy of the relevant manual is included with this issue of the *Board Bulletin* for each non-government school.

Copies of the manuals are also available on the Board's website: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

These rules take effect immediately except as provided by the savings, transitional and other provisions specified in Part 6 of Schedule 3 of the Act.

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**Implementation of Stage 6 BOS
Science Syllabus Amendments 34/04**

Schools are reminded that the amendments to sections 12.5 and 12.7, Assessment Components, Weightings and Tasks for all Stage 6 Science syllabuses will be effective for the HSC course from 2005. These amendments were notified in *Board Bulletin* Official Notice BOS 59/03 (Vol 12 No 6, November 2003).

Copies of amended pages were sent to schools in Term 4, 2003 for inclusion in the current syllabus documents, and are available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

The Board advises that the Stage 6 Science syllabuses on its website will be updated in Term 4, 2004 to incorporate these amendments.

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