

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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**Practical Marking Guidelines
for Music**

BOS
01/05

Following the 2004 HSC examinations, minor adjustments have been made to the marking guidelines for the Musicology elective in Music 2 and the Performance and Musicology electives in Music Extension. The revised marking guidelines are available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/syllabus2000_listm.html

Effective: 2005 HSC examination

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**Classical Hebrew Continuers
texts prescribed for the 2005
HSC examination**

BOS
02/05

The Board reminds teachers that Chapters 16–21 are the only chapters of Deuteronomy prescribed for study in the 2005 Classical Hebrew Continuers HSC course.

In 2004, there was a choice of two prescriptions from Deuteronomy and, in the 2004 examination only, students had the option of answering questions on either one of the prescriptions (see BOS 01/04, *Board Bulletin* Vol 13 No 1, March 2004). In the 2005 examination, the format for Section I Part A will be as in 2003.

Please note that the other texts set for study are unchanged from 2004.

Please see the Classical Hebrew Continuers course prescriptions on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/syllabus2000_listc.html for detailed information.

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**Errata – Stage 6 Construction
Curriculum Framework**

BOS
03/05

The Board of Studies wishes to advise teachers of the Stage 6 Construction Curriculum Framework (approved September 2004) of the following errata in Part A of the syllabus.

On page 48 under the headings *Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying* and *Concreting and Painting and Decorating* and *Wall and Floor Tiling*:

- rows 7 and 8, replace '✓' with '-' (ie BCGCM2004B 'Handle construction materials' and BCGCM2005B 'Use construction tools and equipment' are not electives for these qualifications).

On page 51 under the headings *Certificate II in General Construction* and *Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying and Concreting and Painting and Decorating* and *Wall and Floor Tiling*:

- rows 2 to 5, replace '✓' with '-' (ie the 'VE' units of competency are not electives for these qualifications).

Effective: Year 11 2005

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**Malay Background Speakers
Prescribed Themes from 2005
until further notice**

BOS
04/05

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of an amendment to the prescribed themes for the Malay Background Speakers course from the 2005 Higher School Certificate.

The prescribed themes for the HSC course in 2005 are 'Socioeconomic Change and Development' and 'Cultural Change'.

The prescribed themes for the HSC course in 2006 and until further notice are 'Malaysia and the World' and 'Socioeconomic Change and Development'.

Please amend Section 8.1.1 *Prescribed Themes* on page 15 of the Syllabus to the following:

8.1.1 Prescribed Themes

There are four prescribed themes, two to be studied each year:

2005

Year 11

- Malaysia and the world
- Women in society

Year 12

- Socioeconomic change and development
- Cultural change

2006 until further notice

Year 11

- Women in society
- Cultural change

Year 12

- Malaysia and the world
- Socioeconomic change and development

Please see the Board's website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc for detailed information about *Resources* and the *Required Reading List*.

Effective: **Immediately**

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Languages HSC Prescriptions: **BOS**
Arabic, Chinese, French, **05/05**
German, Indonesian, Italian,
Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish Extension
courses, and Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese,
Korean Background Speakers courses

The Board wishes to advise that the current HSC Prescriptions for all the Languages courses listed above will be retained and remain current up to and including the Higher School Certificate in 2007.

Schools are also reminded that study of texts prescribed in any course for the Higher School Certificate examination may not commence before the completion of the Preliminary course.

Effective: **Immediately**

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English Stage 6 Prescriptions:
Area of Study, Electives and
Texts for the Higher School
Certificate 2007

BOS
06/05

The Board wishes to advise that the *English Stage 6 Prescriptions: Area of Study, Electives and Texts for the Higher School Certificate 2004–2006* will remain current for the HSC courses in 2007. The title of the prescriptions document on the Board's website has been amended accordingly.

Schools are also reminded that study of texts prescribed in any course for the HSC examination may not begin before the completion of the Preliminary course. This exclusion applies to study in all English Preliminary courses and to Preliminary courses in other subjects such as Drama. It also applies to the study of a prescribed text in another medium, such as the film of a novel. 'Study' of texts does not apply to attending performances during the Preliminary course of plays prescribed as HSC texts or to taking part in the production of them.

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**Latin Continuers Prose
Prescription for 2006 and 2007**

**BOS
07/05**

Text: Livy T, *Ab Urbe Condita*, Book 1

Prescribed Textbook/s: Gould, H E and Whitely, J L (ed), *Titus Livius* Book 1, Bristol Classical Press, Bristol, 1987.

De Selincourt and Ogilvie, *The Early History of Rome*, Penguin Classics, United Kingdom, Revised edition (July 1, 2002).

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of the prose prescription for the 2006 and 2007 HSC Latin Continuers examination.

Prescribed textbook	Prescribed lines	Focus Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Gould and Whitely 	<p>Latin – Chapters 1, 2, 3 (sections 1–5) from: <i>nondum maturus....to... finis esset</i> Chapters 4 and 6 (sections 3 and 4) from: <i>ita Numitori....to...templa capiunt</i> Chapters 7, 9, 16, 57 (sections 6–11) from <i>Forte potantibus...to...castra redeant</i> Chapters 58, 59, 60</p> <p>Whole chapters for translation and comment except where specified (398 lines)</p> <p>Latin – Chapters 1, 2, 3 (sections 1–5), 4, 6 (sections 3 and 4), 7, 9, 16 and 57 for grammatical analysis (306 lines)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livy's historical aims and methods The function of characters as moral exemplars The prose style of Livy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In De Selincourt and Ogilvie 	<p>The whole of <i>Ab Urbe Condita</i>, Book 1, including the preface, is to be read in English translation.</p>	

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

Effective: Immediately

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**School Developed Board
Endorsed Courses**

**BOS
08/05**

In 2005, the closing date for submission of applications for School Developed Board Endorsed Courses is Friday, 1 April. This will allow the Board Endorsement Panel to make determinations and notify schools of the result of their applications before the end of Term 2. Schools will then be in a position to offer the approved courses in the subject selection process that generally takes place mid-year.

A separate process and timeline apply to the endorsement of courses that lead to a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification. Further details will appear in a subsequent *Board Bulletin*.

The *School Developed Board Endorsed Course Guidelines for Course Proposals* booklet contains detailed and updated advice on the criteria for endorsement. There are no significant changes to the endorsement process this year.

All schools will receive a copy of the *Guidelines* booklet early in Term 1. The *Guidelines* are also available for downloading from the Board's website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/index.html#becguidesbooklet with copies of the application form in Word format.

Further information can be obtained from your local Board of Studies Liaison Officer (BOSLO). Contact details for all BOSLOs appear on page 6 of this issue of the *Board Bulletin*, in the *Guidelines* booklet and on the Board's website.

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**Change to the format of HSC
Italian and Spanish Extension
Examination Papers from 2005**

**BOS
09/05**

As a result of the inclusion of a second text in the prescription for the Higher School Certificate courses in Italian Extension (*Board Bulletin* Official Notice BOS 41/04, Vol 13 No 5, September 2004) and Spanish Extension (*Board Bulletin* Official Notice BOS 29/04, Vol 13 No 3, June 2004), the format for Section I of the examination paper for both courses will change from 2005. The format will be similar to that of the current HSC French Extension examination, which also has two prescribed texts. A copy of the front page of both examination papers has been placed on the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/index.html

The format for Section I of the examination will take the following form:

Text 1

Part A – 15 marks

- Attempt Question 1

Part B – 10 marks

- Attempt Question 2

OR

Text 2

Part A – 15 marks

- Attempt Question 3

Part B – 10 marks

- Attempt Question 4

Effective: **2005 HSC examination**

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**2004 HSC Notes from the
Marking Centre**

**BOS
10/05**

The Board advises that the *2004 HSC Notes from the Marking Centre* are being placed progressively on the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/index.html

These documents contain information about how students responded to the questions in the HSC examinations, and include the correct answers to the multiple-choice questions (where appropriate), and the marking guidelines used at the marking centre. It is anticipated that all the *Notes* will be on the website by the middle of February.

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**2005 School Certificate
Australian History, Geography,
Civics and Citizenship Test**

**BOS
11/05**

The Board reminds schools that for the 2005 Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship test, Section 1 will be Australian Geography, Civics and Citizenship, and Section 2 will be Australian History, Civics and Citizenship.

In 2005, as for 2004, the nominated topics for Parts A and B of the Australian History, Civics and Citizenship section of the test are Topic 4: Australia and World War II, and Topic 6: Social and Political Issues from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Information on the conduct and structure of the 2005 test, including the nominated topics for the Australian History, Civics and Citizenship section of the test, was previously communicated to schools through Official Notices BOS 20/03 (*Board Bulletin* Vol 12 No 1, March 2003), BOS 66/03 (*Board Bulletin* Vol 12 No 6, November 2003) and BOS 18/04 (*Board Bulletin* Vol 13 No 1, March 2004).

The 2005 Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship test scope statement and test specifications are available on the Board of Studies website: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/sc_austhist_geog.html.

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**Expressions of Interest for the
positions of 2005 and 2006
School Certificate and Higher
School Certificate Supervisors of Marking**

**BOS
12/05**

The Office of the Board of Studies is seeking Expressions of Interest from highly experienced teachers for appointment to various Supervisor of Marking positions for the 2005 and 2006 School Certificate tests and Higher School Certificate examinations.

2005

School Certificate

- Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship – Geography
- Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship – History

Higher School Certificate examinations

- Classical Hebrew
- Modern Hebrew
- French
- Textiles and Design

2006

Higher School Certificate examinations

- English (Advanced) Paper 3 Module A
- English (Standard & Advanced) Paper 1 Section 3
- English (Standard) Paper 2 Module C
- English Extension 1
- English Extension 2
- General Mathematics
- Information Processes and Technology
- Korean – Board Course
- Latin
- Music (Practical)
- Music (Written)

Information sheets and application forms will be available in all schools on Friday, 11 February, 2005. The due date for submission of completed application forms is **Friday, 11 March 2005**.

For further information, please contact Marker Support on 9367 8223 or 9367 8213, or email markersupport@boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

Please note that Markers Online will be open for applications for SC and HSC marker positions on Monday, 7 March 2005.



Registration Systems NSW

**BOS
13/05**

The *Education Act 1990* requires that the following applications be submitted from Registration Systems by 31 March 2005:

- applications for renewal of registration and, if applicable, accreditation where the registration/accreditation of member schools expire at the end of 2005
- applications for registration and, if applicable, accreditation where the provisional registration/accreditation of member schools expires at the end of 2005
- applications for renewal of exemption from registration where the exemption of member schools expires at the end of 2005
- applications for exemption from registration where exemption from provisional registration of member schools expires at the end of 2005
- applications to commence new Years of schooling in existing registered/accredited member schools in 2006
- applications to open new member schools in 2006.

The requirements for registration and accreditation are detailed in the *Registration Systems and Member Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual*.

Applications may be made online. Copies of the application forms, the manual and information regarding making an online application are available on the Board's website: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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Deadline for application for New or Renewal of Registration and Accreditation BOS 14/05

The *Education Act 1990* requires that the following applications be submitted from individual schools by 31 March 2005:

- applications for renewal of registration and, if applicable, accreditation where registration/accreditation expires at the end of 2005
- applications for registration and, if applicable, accreditation where provisional registration/accreditation expires at the end of 2005

- applications for renewal of exemption from registration where exemption expires at the end of 2005
- applications for exemption from registration where exemption from provisional registration expires at the end of 2005
- applications to commence new Years of schooling in existing registered/accredited schools in 2006
- applications to open new schools in 2006.

The requirements for registration and accreditation are detailed in the *Registered and Accredited Individual Non-Government Schools (NSW) Manual*.

Applications may be made online or by contacting Cal Parkinson on (02) 9367 8111. Copies of the application forms, the manual and information regarding making an online application are available on the Board's website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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Position Vacant – Senior Assessment Officer (English)

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES

The Office of the Board of Studies is responsible for the development and delivery of professional and administrative services to the Minister for Education and Training and the Board of Studies and its committees to enable the Minister and the Board to fulfil their respective legislated functions under the *Education Act 1990*. These functions include responsibility for NSW curriculum development, monitoring and support, registration and accreditation of non-government schools and home schooling and the assessment and examination of student achievements for the awarding of the NSW School Certificate and Higher School Certificate.

Temporary employment/secondment under section 24, 27 or 101 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002* for a period of up to 3 years commencing Term 2, 2005, or earlier subject to negotiation with current employer. Consistent with the entitlements of public sector applicants, the Office is prepared to negotiate bilateral agreements with current employers of successful non-government school applicants to facilitate right of return and recognition of service while employed by the Office.

SENIOR ASSESSMENT OFFICER (ENGLISH)

Senior Education Officer grade 2, Assessment and Reporting Branch

Salary: Total remuneration package valued up to \$98,159 per annum includes salary (\$88,952 per annum), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Responsibilities: Project manager for the development and preparation of the Board's examinations and assessment materials in English and related disciplines. Liaises with subject specialists from a variety of disciplines in the development, implementation and monitoring of programs relating to student assessment and examination; supplying the Board with advice on matters relating to testing and measurement.

Selection Criteria: Appropriate tertiary qualifications. Outstanding recent teaching experience in English in government or non-government schools. An understanding of the practice of effective assessing and marking. A capacity to understand current trends in assessment and examination setting. Capacity to manage examination setting and provide assessment advice in English. Oral and written communication skills of a high standard. Common selection criteria also apply.

The following information is provided for the position.

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Applications To: Personnel/Payroll Officer, Office of the Board of Studies, GPO Box 5300, Sydney NSW 2000

Closing Date: 4 March 2005

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