

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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**Board Endorsed VET courses
for 2008**BOS
23/07**What are Board Endorsed VET Courses?**

The Board of Studies offers a range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses for the Higher School Certificate. These include the Stage 6 Industry Curriculum Framework courses, and a wide variety of Content Endorsed Courses, which are delivered by TAFE NSW.

Where a school identifies a need for a VET course that cannot be met by any of these courses, a locally-designed VET course can be proposed for Board endorsement. Locally-designed courses may be delivered by schools, TAFE NSW or other registered training organisations.

In some circumstances, VET courses may be endorsed as elective courses for the School Certificate.

Rationale

Before developing a Stage 6 proposal, schools should consider whether their students' needs can be met by:

- the existing nine Board Developed Industry Curriculum Frameworks
- the proposed Automotive or Electrotechnology Curriculum Frameworks
- a TAFE NSW-delivered VET Content Endorsed Course.

The rationale for a Board Endorsed VET Course must clearly explain why the needs of students cannot be met by an existing course. Details of the TAFE NSW-delivered VET Content Endorsed Courses can be found on the Department of Education and Training website at www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools/vet/tvet/index.html

Schools may also need to discuss their proposal with a VET consultant or adviser in their school system and/or a VET officer at the Office of the Board of Studies (phone (02) 9367 8203).

Endorsement period

In view of the frequent updating of industry requirements for vocational education and training, the Board will endorse a VET course for only one cohort of students.

Schools currently offering a VET Board Endorsed Course and wishing to offer the course to a new group of students next year should check the currency of the course/qualification. This can be done by accessing the NTIS (National Training Information Service) website – www.ntis.gov.au If the course is still current, schools may submit a request for extension of endorsement. If any changes to the course are required – for example any changes in the units of competency to be delivered or to take account of a new industry training package – a new application will need to be submitted.

Application process

Schools intending to apply for a Board Endorsed VET course should access the detailed guidelines, criteria, timeline and application forms on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/index.html#vetboardendorsedcourses

The school system/sector authorities (Department of Education and Training, Catholic Diocesan Offices and the Association of Independent Schools) are responsible for quality assurance and resourcing of VET courses for school students. For this reason, all proposals need to be submitted via the relevant authority. Proposals supported by the system/sector authority will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Applications for Board Endorsed VET courses commencing in 2008 must reach the system/sector authority by Friday 20 July 2007. The closing date for applications to reach the Board is Friday 24 August 2007.

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**Stage 6 Biology Syllabus
references to Science Years 7–10
Syllabus**BOS
24/07

The Board of Studies wishes to advise teachers that pages 22, 25, 29 and 32 of the web version of the *Biology Stage 6 Syllabus* have been updated to align the numbering and wording of Assumed Knowledge statements in the Preliminary modules with those in the *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*. The syllabus is available at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

Effective: Immediately – 2007 Preliminary

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**Stage 6 Chemistry Syllabus
references to Science Years 7–10
Syllabus**

**BOS
25/07**

The Board of Studies wishes to advise teachers that pages 22, 28, 33 and 38 of the web version of the *Chemistry Stage 6 Syllabus* have been updated to align the numbering and wording of the Assumed Knowledge statements in the Preliminary modules with the *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*. The syllabus is available at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

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**Stage 6 Senior Science Syllabus
references to Science Years 7–10
Syllabus**

**BOS
28/07**

The Board of Studies wishes to advise teachers that pages 22, 27, 30 and 35 of the web version of the *Senior Science Stage 6 Syllabus* have been updated to align the numbering and wording of the Assumed Knowledge statements in the Preliminary modules with the *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*. The syllabus is available at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

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**Stage 6 Earth and Environmental
Science Syllabus references to
Science Years 7–10 Syllabus**

**BOS
26/07**

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**HSC Music Performance
Examinations – use of unusual
musical instruments or sound sources**

**BOS
29/07**

Candidates for the HSC Music performance examination are required to perform with instrument(s) or voice.

Teachers are reminded to contact the Office of the Board of Studies to seek advice and permission if their students wish to use unusual or less conventional musical instruments or sound sources in the examinations.

It is not necessary to seek permission to use standard orchestral or band instruments, voice, or instruments specific to particular world cultures.

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**Stage 6 Physics Syllabus
references to Science Years 7–10
Syllabus**

**BOS
27/07**

The Board of Studies wishes to advise teachers that pages 21, 26, 30 and 35 of the web version of the *Physics Stage 6 Syllabus* have been updated to align the numbering and wording of the Assumed Knowledge statements in the Preliminary modules with the *Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*. The syllabus is available at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

Effective: Immediately – 2007 Preliminary

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**Student writing booklets for the
2007 General Mathematics HSC
examination**

**BOS
30/07**

Teachers and students of the General Mathematics HSC course are advised that the writing booklets provided to students for the 2007 General Mathematics HSC examination will have centre numbers, student numbers and question numbers printed on the covers.

Each writing booklet will consist of four A4 pages: a cover page with student and centre numbers as well as instructions, and three lined pages for student working

and answers. Additional writing booklets will be available for students who need more space for their working and answers.

For each student sitting the 2007 General Mathematics HSC examination, the multiple-choice answer sheet, printed on a folded A3 page, will be bundled with the six writing booklets for Questions 23–28.

An example of both the multiple-choice answer sheet and the writing booklet are available for teachers and students to view on the Board's website:

- Answer sheet
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pdf_doc/maths_gen_sheet.pdf
- Writing booklet
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pdf_doc/maths_gen_booklet.pdf

Effective: 2007 HSC examination

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**HSC Chemistry and Physics
examinations – updated periodic
table of the elements** BOS
31/07

The Board wishes to advise that the periodic table of the elements used in its examinations has been updated, in line with International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) recommendations. The updated version will be used in the data and formulae sheets in the Chemistry and Physics HSC examinations from 2007.

The updated Chemistry data sheets and Physics data and formulae sheets are available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

Effective: 2007 HSC examinations

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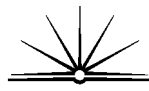
**2008 HSC specimen paper
packages for Beginners
Languages**

BOS
32/07

Specimen paper packages for the 2008 HSC Beginners Languages Examinations in Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish will be available early in Term 2 on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc

Effective: 2008 HSC Examination

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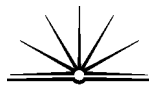


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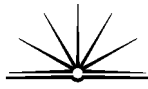
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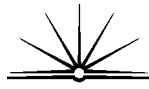


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