

# 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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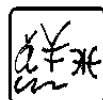
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**Information about Recommended Areas of Study**

The Recommended Areas of Study are developed from the *Visual Arts Years 11–12 Syllabus* (1987) and should be read and interpreted with the statements in the syllabus about the Focus Areas on pages 18–25 and information about Studying Images and Objects on pages 34–35; HSC Examination Specifications in the Visual Arts section of the *Creative Arts Key Learning Area Handbook Preliminary Courses 1997, HSC Courses 1998*; Official Notice BOS 15/96, *Board Bulletin* Vol 5 No 2, March 1996; and the Visual Arts *Subject Outcomes in Creative Arts 7–12* (1992).

Two Recommended Areas of Study are identified in each of the Syllabus Focus Areas.

The Recommended Areas of Study relate to Section I of the Visual Arts 2/3 Unit Common Examination written paper.

**Recommended Areas of Study — 1998 Higher School Certificate**

*Art in Australia*

- The ways in which regional contexts have influenced contemporary Australian art since 1988.
- The different ways public art and architecture in Australia involve the audience.

*Art and Culture*

- Representations of the spiritual in Europe and/or Asia and/or America and/or Africa and/or Oceania.
- Heroic and tragic themes in the visual arts in Europe and/or Asia and/or America and/or Africa and/or Oceania.

*Art and Media*

- Symbols and signs of modernity in twentieth-century art and architecture.
- Material objects and virtual realities: issues for artistic practice.

*Art and Design*

- The characteristics and significance of historical and contemporary examples of ecologically sensitive design.
- Functionalism as a theme in twentieth-century design.

**Attention:** All Teachers of Visual Arts and all Candidates for the HSC Examination in Visual Arts in 1998

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**English 2 Unit General/2 Unit Related 1997, 1998 HSC Common Questions** BOS 23/97

The Board wishes to advise that for 1997 and 1998 the common question in Paper 1 is the Writing Task.

The common question in Paper 2 is the Literature question in Section 1. This section contains three questions: one on Poetry, one on Fiction and one on Drama. One question is to be answered from this section. Each question will require students to write on the texts of TWO authors. (See Official Notice BOS 11/96, *Board Bulletin* Vol 5 No 2, March 1996.)

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**Additional Prescribed Texts for 1998 HSC English 2 Unit Related** BOS 24/97

The Board of Studies has considered advice from the Minister's Review Panel and the English 7–12 Syllabus Advisory Committee concerning the prescribed texts for the 1998 HSC English 2 Unit Related course.

In the light of this advice, including the English Syllabus Advisory Committee's recommendation that *Fineflour* and *Top Girls* be replaced for the 1999 HSC examination, the Board of Studies has decided that:

- there will be no changes to the 1997 HSC English text list;
- the English Syllabus Advisory Committee be asked to complete its process of review and recommendation concerning the 1999 English text list as soon as possible, and advise the Board on two additional texts for those schools seeking alternative texts to *Fineflour* and *Top Girls* for the 1998 HSC;
- both *Fineflour* and *Top Girls* as well as the two additional texts will be examined in 1998;
- the English Syllabus Advisory Committee continue its work of review of the current set of criteria for the selection of texts and advise the Board as to how the process for selection of texts can be improved, in order to ensure that each book recommended furthers the literary and linguistic development of students.

As soon as the Board receives advice from the Syllabus Advisory Committee regarding the additional texts for 1998, which will be retained for the 1999 HSC, schools will be informed.

**Effective:** Immediately  
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**1997 Higher School Certificate Japanese 2 Unit Z — Changes to Examination Format**

BOS  
25/97

A memo entitled *1997 Higher School Certificate Oral/Aural Examinations in Japanese 2 Unit Z (Accelerated)* was sent to principals of secondary schools and institutes of TAFE in the first week of May.

The attention of principals and teachers of Japanese is drawn to this memo and in particular to the speaking skills examination. This examination will be conducted on Saturday 20 September at 9.00 am. Students in the Sydney metropolitan area will be examined in one of two central examination venues and students in country areas at one of the regional examination venues. Subsequent details will be provided in a further memo to schools and students will receive individual notification of their examination details at their home addresses approximately two weeks prior to the examination date.

'Accelerated' Japanese refers to the revised 2 Unit Z course — syllabus and examination. The term 'Accelerated' is the national term used for beginner or 'Z' courses. As the examination is a national one, all sections of the paper will be titled Japanese Accelerated level. There will be no marks on the examination paper. Weightings for all questions are those indicated in the examination specifications.

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**Modern Greek 2 Unit Z, 2/3 Unit (Common) and 3 Unit Examinations**

BOS  
26/97

The Board advises that as of the 1997 HSC Modern Greek examinations, mark allocations for Sections will be provided at the beginning of each Section and mark allocations for Questions will be provided at the beginning of each Question. There will be no mark allocations on the examination papers for parts of questions.

Effective: 1997 HSC and onwards  
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**Visual Arts Stages 4 and 5 Outcomes**

BOS  
27/97

The *Visual Arts 7–10 Support Document* has been recently distributed to schools. Teachers should note that this document contains Stages 4 and 5 Outcomes that have been developed in response to the Eltis Review and replace the levelled outcomes (levels 4–8) that appear in the *Visual Arts 7–10 Syllabus* (1994).

The *Visual Arts 7–10 Syllabus* has recently been reprinted in B5 format and includes the updated outcomes. Copies of the reprinted syllabus are available from the Board of Studies.

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**Hazardous Substances Regulation**

BOS  
28/97

The Board of Studies wants to draw schools' attention to the *Hazardous Substances Regulation* (1996) proclaimed under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1983* (NSW). This regulation deals with the use of chemicals that have known detrimental health effects such as poisons, corrosives and carcinogens. Under the regulation there are specific labelling and safety requirements, which schools will have two years to meet.

This regulation, along with the *Dangerous Goods Act* (NSW) and *Dangerous Goods Regulation 1978* (NSW), attempts to increase safety in the working environment. A free information kit is available from the WorkCover Information Centre, 400 Kent Street, Sydney 2000. Phone 13 10 50.

The Department of School Education has produced a support package that will enable schools to implement the codes of practice associated with the regulations. The package will be distributed to government schools and has been offered to the non-government school sector. School systems will also be providing professional development for teachers to help schools meet the regulations. Schools should contact their system with regard to the availability of publications and professional development.

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- Dance 2 Unit Syllabus and Support Document .....BOS 2/97 Vol 6 No 1
- Attention: 2 Unit Drama Teachers and Students — 1997 HSC (see BOS 7/97 Vol 6 No 2)
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- English 2 Unit General and 2/3 Unit Related (see BOS 19/97 Vol 6 No 4)
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**Human Society and Its Environment**

- Ancient History 2/3 Unit and 2 Unit Personalities and Their Times Syllabus and HSC Examination Requirements Clarification (see BOS 20/97 Vol 6 No 4)

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- 2/3 Unit Classical Greek — 1997, 1998 and 1999 HSC .....BOS 8/97 Vol 6 No 2
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- Japanese 2 Unit Z and 2/3 Unit (Common) — Assessment Weightings and Examination Specifications .....BOS 15/97 Vol 6 No 3
- 1997 Higher School Certificate Japanese 2 Unit Z — Changes to Examination Format (see BOS 25/97 Vol 6 No 5)
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**Science**

- Data Sheets and Units in Science .....BOS 16/97 Vol 6 No 3

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- 1997 JSSTAFE Course Exclusions .....BOS 10/97 Vol 6 No 2
- Requirements for Private Providers of Vocational Higher School Certificate Courses — December 1996.....BOS 11/97 Vol 6 No 2
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