

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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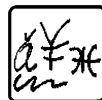
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**Additional Alternative
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BOS
29/97

As advised by fax on 7 May 1997 the Board of Studies resolved that two additional alternative texts would be included in the 1998 Higher School Certificate Examination for those schools seeking alternative texts for *Fineflour* and *Top Girls*. Both *Fineflour* and *Top Girls* will still be examined in 1998.

Following advice from the English Years 7–12 Syllabus Advisory Committee, the Board at its meeting on 17 June 1997 accepted that the additional texts will be:

Drama: *A Doll's House*, Henrik Ibsen

Fiction: *Tirra Lirra by the River*, Jessica Anderson.

Both of these texts have been previously listed for study in the Higher School Certificate.

Schools are reminded that study of the texts listed in any course for the Higher School Certificate Examination may not begin before the completion of the Preliminary course and any schools that may have studied these newly listed additional texts in Year 11 in 1997 are required to select others from the 1998 list for the HSC Examination.

For further information please contact Wendy Michaels, Inspector, English, on (02) 9367 8276.



**Ancient History 2 Unit
(Personalities and Their
Times) Course — HSC
Examination Specification
Clarification**

BOS
30/97

This Memo is to be read in conjunction with BOS 20/97 (Board Bulletin, Vol 6 No 4, May 1997).

Teachers are reminded that the information in the *Human Society and Its Environment KLA Handbook* for HSC courses 1998, 1999 (page 27) concerning SECTION II Personalities and Groups also applies to the 1997 HSC.

The HSC Examination Specification states:

2 Unit (Personalities and Their Times) Paper

SECTION II PERSONALITIES and GROUPS (50 marks)

There will be ONE question on each of the fourteen Personalities and Groups listed in the syllabus, grouped into the four areas of Egypt, Near East, Greece and Rome.

Each question will consist of a number of parts.

Parts within the question may have varying levels of difficulty and mark values.

Candidates are required to answer TWO questions.

Note: If two questions are chosen on the same area, then at least ONE question in Section I must be chosen from a different area.



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

BOS
31/97

The Board advises that, as of the 1997 HSC Examination, 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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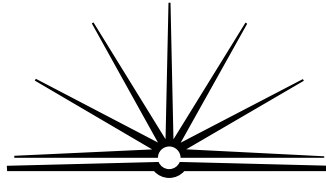
**Rural Technology 2
Unit HSC Examination**

BOS
32/97

As advised in Official Notice BOS 86/96 (*Board Bulletin* Vol 5 No 9, November 1996), students in Rural Technology will be provided with a formula sheet in the HSC Examination as of this year (1997). This formula sheet will be a modified version of the formula sheet provided in the Engineering Science Examination.

Copies of the sheet may be obtained by contacting the Board of Studies by fax on (02) 9367 8075, or by ringing the number below.

Contact no: (02) 9367 8233

**Positions Available at the Office of the Board of Studies**BOS
33/97OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES
NEW SOUTH WALES

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

The Office is seeking nine Board Inspectors in the following learning areas:

- English K–12 (Reference No BOS/029)
- Science K–12 (Reference No BOS/031)
- Human Society and Its Environment K–12 (two Inspectors, Reference Nos BOS/032 and BOS/033)
- Languages K–12 (Reference No BOS/038)
- Technological and Applied Studies K–12 (Reference No BOS/034)
- Creative Arts K–12 (Reference No BOS/035)
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education K–12 (Reference No BOS/037)
- Primary Education (Reference No BOS/036).

† **Board Inspectors**, Chief Education Officers, Curriculum Branch. Total remuneration package valued up to \$86,226 p.a. includes annual salary, employer's contribution to a superannuation scheme and annual leave loading (salary in the range \$70,706 to \$80,323 pa). Responsible for providing statewide leadership in curriculum development in the relevant learning area and in the wider educational context. Responsible also for providing advice on home schooling and the registration and accreditation of non-government schools throughout the state.

Essential: A degree in a relevant subject area; an appropriate education qualification; comprehensive understanding of state and national practices and trends in education in the relevant learning area; demonstrated ability to provide leadership in the relevant learning area; expertise in developing successful curriculum for schools; knowledge of recent developments in education in schools; and superior oral and written communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills. **Desirable:** Comprehensive understanding of Board of Studies policies and practices; knowledge of vocational education developments in NSW. **General:** Temporary employment/secondment under section 104 of the *Education Reform Act 1990* and/or section 41 of the *Public Sector Management Act, 1988* for a period of up to 5 years commencing January 1998. 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.

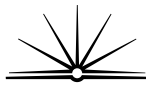
Inquiries: Mr Robert Randall, Director, Curriculum (02) 9367 8134

Applications to: Assistant Personnel Officer
Office of the Board of Studies
GPO Box 5300
Sydney NSW 2001

Closing Date: 25 July 1997

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