

Official Notices

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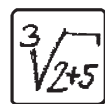
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1998 School Certificate Tests Scheduling

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The following timetable will apply for the School Certificate Tests in 1998.

NB Tests will be scheduled over two days to minimise impact on the HSC examination timetable. Tests have been scheduled to ensure that all tests are completed by 3.00 pm.

Monday 16 November

English-literacy 9.20 am - 11.30 am
(incorporating 10 mins reading time)

Science Trial Test (if applicable) 12.50 pm - 2.30 pm
(incorporating 10 mins reading time)

Tuesday 17 November

Mathematics 9.25 am - 11.30 am
(incorporating 5 mins preparation time)

Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship Trial Test (if applicable) 12.50 pm - 3.00 pm
(incorporating 10 mins reading time)

NB The preparation time in Mathematics is restricted to working on the sample questions and answers in the Sample Questions and Formula Booklet.

Higher School Certificate examinations will **not** be scheduled on the above dates.

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HSC Visual Arts Examination Specifications for 1999

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Teachers and students should note the changes to descriptions within the examination specifications for the 2/3 Unit (Common) written examination paper and the 3 Unit (Additional) written examination paper for the 1999 HSC.

These changes are detailed in the HSC Examination Specifications in the Visual Arts section of the *Creative Arts Stage 6 KLA Handbook, Preliminary Courses 1998, HSC Courses 1999*, pages 138–141. This publication has been in schools since Term 4, 1997.

Copies of the *Visual Arts Syllabus Years 11–12* (first printed 1987, updated and reprinted 1997) and the *Creative Arts KLA Handbook* are available from Client Services, Office of the Board of Studies.

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Recommended Areas of Study for 1999 HSC Visual Arts

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Information about Recommended Areas of Study

The Recommended Areas of Study are developed from the *Visual Arts Syllabus Years 11–12* (first printed 1987, updated and reprinted 1997) and should be read and interpreted with the statements in the syllabus about the Focus Areas on pages 34–43; information about Studying Images and Objects and the Recommended Areas of Study on pages 51–53; and HSC Examination Specifications in the Visual Arts section of the *Creative Arts Stage 6 KLA Handbook, Preliminary Courses 1998, HSC Courses 1999*, pages 138–139.

Two Recommended Areas of Study are identified for each of the Focus Areas. Study of the recommended areas may begin as soon as the HSC course commences.

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

Recommended Areas of Study – 1999 Higher School Certificate

Art in Australia

The spiritual in Australian art in a range of historical and contemporary contexts.

The historical and contemporary significance of art awards and events for artists, architects, works and audiences.

Art and Culture

The meanings and significance of site-specific works in historical and contemporary contexts.

Dissent and disorder in twentieth century art.

Art and Media

The significance of changing technologies on artistic practice, artworks, and audiences.

The use of signs, symbols and codes in the representations of gender in the visual arts.

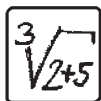
Art and Design

The influence of modernism on design in the twentieth century.

The characteristics and significance of historical and contemporary examples of ecologically sensitive design.

Teachers should note that suggestions about interpreting the Recommended Areas of Study will be prepared by Term 4, 1998 for the 1999 examination. This information will be available on the Board of Studies website later in the year.

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Mathematics K-6 Outcomes and Indicators — Errata

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35/98**

The Board advises that some inconsistencies have been identified in the document *Mathematics K-6 Outcomes and Indicators*, which was released to schools in March this year. The wording of some outcomes in the sections 'Outcomes by strand' on pages 6-83 and 'Syllabus units' on pages 85-103 is not consistent with that in the section 'Outcomes by stage' on pages 16-20. The intended wording of every outcome may be taken from the 'Outcomes by stage' section. The 'Values and Attitudes Outcomes' (page 83) should be identified as a separate section and not as part of the section 'Outcomes by strand'.

Effective: Immediately

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Food Technology 2/3 Unit

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36/98**

The Board advises that the title and contact details of the National Food Authority, as shown on page 72 of the *Food Technology 2/3 Unit Support Document*, have changed. The new title and details are:

Australia New Zealand Food Authority
Director of Public Affairs
Macquarie House
55 Blackall Street
BARTON ACT 2600
Ph: (02) 6271 2222 Fax: (02) 6271 2278

Effective: Immediately

Enquiries: (02) 9367 8246 Inspector, TAS



Vocational Education and Training — Information Technology

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37/98**

A vocational course in Information Technology has been piloted this year as a locally designed Board Endorsed Course. The Preliminary component of the course has been implemented in nominated schools in government and non-government sectors.

The current endorsement arrangements will be extended for one year. This will enable the trial to be completed and the course to be aligned with the introduction of new curriculum frameworks in Year 11, 2000.

It is anticipated that the pilot will be expanded in a limited way in Year 11, 1999. Any principals who wish to

have their schools join the pilot should contact their relevant school system to discuss teacher training and qualifications, resource requirements and other criteria.

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Eligibility for a Universities Admission Index (UAI)

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38/98**

The Technical Committee on Scaling, established by the universities of NSW and the ACT, has requested that the Board of Studies remind schools of the requirements for UAI (formerly TER) eligibility. The Committee will not grant exceptions to their requirements, including instances where schools have provided students with incorrect information regarding their course choice and subsequent eligibility for a UAI.

The UAI is calculated from the scaled aggregate of the marks in the best ten units of Board Developed HSC courses, subject to the following restrictions:

- at least one unit of English must be included;
- at least one unit from each Key Learning Area Group (KLA Group 1 - Science/Mathematics/Technological and Applied Studies; KLA Group 2 - Languages Other Than English/Human Society and its Environment/Creative Arts/Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) must be included;
- at most, two units of Category B courses may be included in the calculation of the UAI.

A UAI will not be calculated for a student who does not have at least one unit of English, one unit of a KLA Group 1 course and one unit of a KLA Group 2 course.

To check the KLA Group of particular courses and Category B courses, refer to **Table 2: Board Developed HSC Courses to be examined in 1998** in the UAC 1999 Guide.

Effective: from 1998 Higher School Certificate

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1998 Release of HSC Results

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Students will be able to gain access to their 1998 HSC examination results from Saturday 2 January 1999 by calling the HSC Telephone Results Service. The HSC Examination Inquiry Centre will be open from 9.00 am on Saturday 2 January and will continue operation until Friday 15 January 1999. Students' HSC examination results will be received in the mail on Tuesday 5 January 1999. Specific details will be provided to students later in the year.

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