

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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Use of Calculators in the Trial 1998 School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship

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40/98

The Board advises a correction to information regarding the use of calculators in the Trial School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship that appeared in Official Notice BOS 11/98 in the April 1998 – Vol 7 No3 edition of the *Board Bulletin* (Vol 7, No 3).

The use of calculators is permitted in the Trial 1998 School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship.

Students are allowed to use silent, battery or solar-powered, hand-held calculators. However, calculators capable of communication by means of a cable or by means of infra-red signals are not to be used.

No list of approved calculators has been created for the School Certificate External Tests. The list of approved calculators published in the Board Bulletin applies only to the Higher School Certificate Examination for 1998.

Advice re: the use of calculators in the School Certificate Mathematics Test (Section 2) and the Science Trial External Test is as detailed in Official Notice BOS 11/98.

Effective: Immediately

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School Certificate English Reference Test 1997

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41/98

For the information of schools the answers to part A1 of the 1997 English Reference Test are printed below:

The Part A1 Multiple Choice answers:

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| 1 C | 6 C | 11 C | 16 A |
| 2 D | 7 A | 12 B | 17 D |
| 3 A | 8 B | 13 A | 18 A |
| 4 B | 9 C | 14 B | 19 D |
| 5 D | 10 D | 15 C | 20 B |



English — Clarification of Edition for English 2 Unit General, Fiction

BOS
42/98

HSC 1999 *Great Expectations*

The Board advises that the prescribed version of the above text for the 2 Unit General English examination in 1999 is:

Dickens, Charles, *Great Expectations*, Penguin Classics Edition, 1996

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Classical Ballet 2/3 Unit — Core Related Studies

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43/98

Repertory Studies

As advised in the Creative Arts Stage 6 KLA Handbook (Preliminary Courses 1998, HSC Courses 1999) the following TWO ballets are set for study for the 1999 Higher School Certificate:

1. *Coppelia* (The Australian Ballet, 1990) on ABC video.
and
2. *The Nutcracker* (The Australian Ballet, 1994, choreography by Graeme Murphy) on ABC video.

The videos of *Coppelia* and *The Nutcracker* are available through all ABC shops.

Effective: Immediately



General Studies and Applied Studies

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44/98

The Board has received a number of enquiries from schools regarding the availability of General Studies 1 Unit and Applied Studies 1 Unit over the next three years.

The Board wishes to advise that General Studies 1 Unit and Applied Studies 1 Unit will continue to be offered for the HSC in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

The relevant KLA Handbooks provide details on presenting these courses as Preliminary or HSC courses.

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Enquiries: (02) 9367 8222



Extension of Key Learning Area Handbooks to 2000 HSC

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The existing KLA Handbooks, which incorporate course descriptions, school assessment guides, examination specifications, and prescribed texts, topics, projects and works, were distributed to all schools before the commencement of Term 1, 1997.

The requirements contained in the Handbooks apply to both the 1998 and 1999 HSC, with the exception of English and Creative Arts for which updated versions have been distributed for the 1999 HSC.

In accordance with the HSC White Paper *Securing Their Future*, new arrangements for the HSC are expected to come into effect from Year 11, 2000.

Rather than produce an interim set of Handbooks to apply to the 2000 HSC, the Board wishes to advise that the timeframe for the current KLA Handbooks is to be extended to apply to the 2000 HSC.

Any approved changes to course requirements, prescribed texts, etc for the 2000 HSC will be notified as usual in the *Board Bulletin* Official Notices.

During Term 3 principals will be supplied with sets of eight stickers, to be affixed to the cover of each of the eight current KLA Handbooks, with the wording:

Preliminary Courses 1999

HSC Courses 2000

Effective: Immediately

Enquiries: (02) 9367 8222

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