

Official Notices

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Status of Mathematical Investigations in the Mathematics Years 9–10 Syllabus

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In 1996, the Board released the current Mathematics Years 9–10 Syllabus for implementation from Year 9, 1997. Schools were advised that ‘the section titled *Mathematical Investigations* of the Advanced (pages 173 to 179) and Intermediate (pages 151 to 155) courses is to be considered as draft until further notice’.

The section has remained optional through the first teaching cycle of the new syllabus, and through the implementation of the changes to the School Certificate assessment and examination program emanating from the New South Wales Government’s White Paper *Securing Their Future*.

The completion of these processes means that the Board of Studies is now in a position to conduct a review of the status of *Mathematical Investigations*.

This will include:

- a review of research literature on the use of longer investigations in the teaching and learning of Mathematics
- the survey of a large representative sample of secondary schools teaching Years 9–10 Mathematics.

The survey will be distributed during Term 2. It will address the current and future use of longer investigations, and issues in relation to the programming of the Years 9–10 Advanced and Intermediate courses. These issues include the effect of the changes to the School Certificate assessment and examination program.

It is anticipated that the status of *Mathematical Investigations* will be resolved during 1999. In the meantime the *Mathematical Investigations* section will continue to be optional.



HSC Industrial Technology Examination 1999

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The Board wishes to draw the attention of principals and teachers of Industrial Technology to the 1999 HSC Industrial Technology Examination.

The revised Industrial Technology 2 Unit Syllabus was implemented in 1998 and this revised syllabus will be examined for the first time in 1999. As advised in Official Notice 4/98 (Board Bulletin Vol 7 No 1, February 1998), revised KLA Handbook information and specimen examination papers were dispatched to schools in 1998. The information pertaining to Industrial Technology in the *Technological and Applied Studies Stage 6 KLA Handbook* (November 1996) refers to the previous course. The document entitled ‘Industrial Technology 2 Unit Assessment Information and

Specimen Examination Papers’ (dated for copyright March 1998) contains the Course Description, School Assessment Guide and HSC Examination Specifications for the revised Industrial Technology 2 Unit Syllabus.

However, for those students who have chosen the *Automotive Industries* or *Graphics and Multimedia Industries* Focus Areas, where internal options are available, the HSC Examination Specifications on page 9 of the above document need further clarification. This affects Section II of the Written Paper, and details the structure of this section.

The HSC Examination Specifications for Section II should read as follows:

Section II (15 marks)

- This section relates to the SEVEN Focus Areas. These are:
Furniture and Timber Products Industries
Metals and Engineering Industries
Electronics Industries
Automotive Industries
Plastics Industries
Building and Construction Industries
Graphics and Multimedia Industries.
- The questions in Section II are specific to the Focus Area.
- All questions are of equal value.
- Question 4 is compulsory and based on the Communication section of the syllabus with reference to the Industry-specific Content in the Focus Area.
- Students must attempt TWO of questions 5, 6 and 7.
- All questions attempted in this section must be answered in the space provided on the examination paper.
- The *Automotive Industries* Focus Area will have four separate papers corresponding to the four internal options – ie *Engine, Chassis, Electrical* and *Body*. Question 4 will be common across the four papers. Students must attempt the *Automotive Industries* Focus Area option paper corresponding to the option they have studied.
- The *Graphics and Multimedia Industries* Focus Area will have three separate papers corresponding to the three internal options – ie *Mechanical Drafting, Architectural Drafting* and *Multimedia*. Question 4 will be common across the three papers. Students must attempt the *Graphics and Multimedia Industries* Focus Area option paper corresponding to the option they have studied.

These HSC Examination Specifications for Section II of the Written Paper for 2 Unit Industrial Technology replace those on page 9 of the Industrial Technology 2

Unit Assessment Information and Specimen Examination Papers document (March, 1998)

Note that the Section II papers for *Automotive Industries* and *Graphics and Multimedia Industries* in the above document do **not** conform to these revised specifications.

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**Higher School Certificate Music
and Visual Arts Option Collection
Forms** BOS
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To facilitate the scheduling of the Itinerant Marking Program, the Option Collection forms for Music and Visual Arts will be sent to schools on 26 April 1999. The completed forms should be returned to the Board by 14 May 1999.

If you have any questions regarding these forms, please call Richard Vaguez on 02 9367 8209.



**English – Robert Gray, New and
Selected Poems – Out of Print
Edition and Amendment to the
Poem Late Ferry** BOS
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1. The Board advises that the prescribed edition of Robert Gray's *New and Selected Poems*, Heinemann 1995, is out of print.
2. In the 2nd Edition of *New and Selected Poems*, Duffy and Snellgrove 1998, Robert Gray has changed the second last line of *Late Ferry*

from

'and it seems like honeycomb'

to

'and savour it like honeycomb'.

The Board advises that where text of this poem is quoted in an examination it will be from the listed prescribed Heinemann 1995 edition.

Effective: **Immediately**
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