

Official Notices

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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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**1999 Higher School Certificate
English 2 Unit General,
2/3 Unit Related**

BOS
20/99

Poetry – Coleridge

The Board advises that in the 2 Unit General and 2/3 Unit Related Poetry sections, the prescription for the Coleridge poems set should now read:

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor: *Poems*, Bloomsbury Publishing, 1993.

OR

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor: *Selected Poetry and Prose*, selected by Kathleen Raine, Penguin Poetry Library, Penguin Books, 1957.

OR

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor: *Selected Poetry and Prose*, edited by Richard Holmes, Penguin Poetry Library, Penguin Books, 1994.

Poetry – Frost

The Board advises that in the 2 Unit General and 2/3 Unit Related Poetry sections, the prescription for the Frost poems set should now read:

Frost, Robert: *Selections*, Penguin, 1973.

OR

Frost, Robert: *Selected Poems*, with introduction by Ian Hamilton, Penguin, 1973.

Drama – Thomas

The Board advises that in the 2 Unit General Drama section, the prescription for *Under Milk Wood* should now read:

Thomas, Dylan: *Under Milk Wood*, Everyman, 1985

OR

Thomas, Dylan: *Under Milk Wood*, Everyman, Definitive Edition 1995

The Board advises that when text of these poems are quoted in an examination it will be from these editions.

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**1999 Higher School Certificate
English 2 Unit General**

BOS
21/99

Poetry – Bruce Dawe – Breakthrough

The Board confirms that the prescribed edition of this poem is contained in *Sometimes Gladness*, Longman Cheshire, 1985.

Other editions which include this poem contain a repetition of the following three lines:

The storm out: angels, backed up by guitars,
Take up the theme: earth's loss is heaven's gain ...
Commercial products now are plugged by pain,

This repetition does NOT occur in the prescribed text. The Board advises that where text of this poem is quoted in an examination it will be from this edition.

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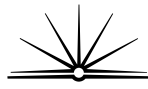
**1999 Higher School Certificate
Chemistry 2 Unit, Science
3/4 Unit**

BOS
22/99

The Board advises that from the 1999 Chemistry 2 Unit and Science 3/4 Unit HSC Examinations, all symbols for thermochemical data will be updated to agree with their presentation in the 3rd and 4th editions of *SI Chemical Data* by G. Aylward and T. Findlay. Thus, for example:

Standard enthalpy of formation for one mole of substance, formerly ΔH_f° , is now $\Delta_f H^\circ$ (in kJ mol^{-1});
Standard molar enthalpy of combustion, formerly, $-\Delta H_c^\circ$, is now $-\Delta_c H^\circ$ (in kJ mol^{-1});
Standard molar enthalpy of vaporisation, formerly ΔH_v , now $\Delta_{\text{vap}} H$.

Effective : 1999 HSC and thereafter
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**Higher School Certificate
Computing Studies Glossary
of Terms, Third Edition****BOS
23/99**

The Board wishes to advise teachers of Stage 6 Computing Studies courses that the Glossary of Terms, Third Edition, sent to schools in Term 1, 1999, supersedes all previous editions. This edition should be used in preparing students for the Computing Studies 1999 Higher School Certificate examinations.

The appropriate editions and publication dates for Board documents for Stage 6 Computing Studies are:

- 2 Unit (General) Computing Studies Syllabus, September 1994*
- 2/3 Unit (Common) Computing Studies Syllabus, 1993*
- 3 Unit (Additional) Computing Studies Syllabus, September 1994*
- Glossary of Terms, Third Edition, September 1998*
- Software Specifications, Second Edition, January 1995*
- Methods of Algorithm Description, Second Edition, March 1995*
- Technological and Applied Studies Stage 6 KLA Handbook, November 1996.*

These documents are available on the Board's website at: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au>

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response. This will also be the case for examinations in 2000.

Effective: 1999 and 2000 HSC

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**Higher School Certificate
Distinction Courses in 2000****BOS
25/99**

The Government White Paper on reforms for the Higher School Certificate, *Securing Their Future*, determined that Distinction Courses for high ability students would be replaced by university undergraduate courses to be studied while students are still at school. Work is progressing on university extension courses with the aim of making these available in 2001 for students who have undertaken accelerated programs in relevant subject areas.

The White Paper indicated that the Government would maintain Distinction Courses until the new arrangements with universities were established. Accordingly, the Distinction Courses Program will be offered again in 2000.

The program will include the courses which have been available since 1994, Philosophy, Cosmology and Comparative Literature. As in the past the courses will be available to eligible students across the state and will be delivered by universities experienced in distance education. It is expected that the University of New England will deliver Philosophy and Charles Sturt University Cosmology and Comparative Literature. Student selection criteria, course content, distance education processes and student assessment will follow the same pattern as in 1994–1999.

Details about the Distinction Courses Program can be found in *Higher School Certificate Distinction Courses: An Information Book*, first published by the Board of Studies in 1995. A copy of this book was issued to every government and non-government high school. Detailed information about the program can also be accessed through the Board of Studies website:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

The selection of students for the year 2000 program will commence in July this year when the Office of the Board of Studies will identify from its records those students (usually in Year 11 but some in Year 10) who are accelerating ahead of their cohort in one or more HSC courses at the highest possible level, usually 3 Unit. These students will be invited to submit an expression of interest in studying a Distinction Course in 2000 and subsequently will be invited to attend the Distinction Courses Information Day to be held in late November.

**Board of Studies Official
Notice 11/99 rescinded****BOS
24/99**

This notice confirms the letter to principals and teachers of English dated 19/4/1999 concerning the 1999 HSC English Examination.

Board of Studies Official Notice 11/99 contained in *Board Bulletin* March 1999 – Vol 8 No 2, relating to the Common Section 1 Literature Question in the HSC English 2/3 Unit and 2 Unit General Examination Papers in 1999 has been rescinded.

The English Examination Committee intended to examine the Common Section 1 Literature Question by requiring students to discuss two texts in relation to each other.

Notification to schools was considered too late for some schools to program for this type of question.

Schools are advised that, as in previous examinations, candidates will NOT be required to discuss two texts in relation to each other in Common Section 1. Candidates may answer the question either through the use of an essay that deals separately with each text in relation to the question, or through an integrated

Applications for Entry to Distinction Course Study in 2000 will be due at the Office of the Board of Studies early in December and final selection will occur by mid-December 1999. The courses will commence with the issue of course materials by mid-January 2000 in preparation for the first compulsory residential schools in late January or early February.

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As a general rule, school-designed VET courses in areas to be offered as industry frameworks will not be considered for endorsement. In 2000, these areas will be Retail, Hospitality, Business Services, Information Technology, Metal and Engineering, Construction and Primary Industries.

The closing date for submissions is Friday, 18 June 1999.



***Electronics and Furnishing
 Content Endorsed Courses
 for 2000***

**BOS
 26/99**

The current Vocational Content Endorsed Courses in Electronics and Furnishing have not been included as part of the industry curriculum framework development for implementation in 2000. They will, however, continue to be available to students commencing their Preliminary year in 2000.



***Applications for Vocational
 School-Designed Board Endorsed
 Courses to Commence in 2000***

**BOS
 27/99**

Schools intending to submit proposals for vocational Board Endorsed Courses to commence in 2000 are advised that the application procedure will be as follows:

Courses for Year 12 only

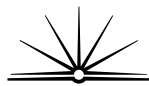
Where a course is proposed for students in Year 12, 2000 only, the guidelines and application forms issued in 1998 can be used. The booklet containing these guidelines and forms is available from Board of Studies Liaison Officers on request.

Courses for Year 11, or Years 11 and 12

Where a course is proposed for Year 11, or a combined Years 11 and 12 group, it may be necessary to comply with new criteria and processes associated with the introduction of industry frameworks. Schools should therefore make preliminary enquiries with the contact officer for their school system:

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| Catholic Education Commission | Rosalie Nott
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| Association of Independent Schools | Rod Leverment
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Additional advice can also be provided by the following officers of the Board's VET Team :



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Robert Gray, <i>New and Selected Poems</i> , Out of Print Edition and Amendment to the Poem <i>Late Ferry</i>	BOS 19/99	Vol 8 No 3

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