

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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**Minor Amendment to Malay
Background Speakers Stage 6
Syllabus – Rotation of Prescribed
Themes**

**BOS
29/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of an amendment to the rotation of the prescribed themes for the Malay Background Speakers course for the 2009 Higher School Certificate.

The prescribed themes for the 2009 HSC, and until further notice, are 'cultural change' and 'socioeconomic change and development'.

Please replace section 8.1.1 *Prescribed Themes* on page 15 of the syllabus with the following:

8.1.1 Prescribed Themes

There are four prescribed themes, two to be studied each year:

2008

- Malaysia and the world (Year 12)
- socioeconomic change and development (Year 12)
- women in society (Year 11)
- cultural change (Year 11)

2009 and until further notice

- Malaysia and the world (Year 11)
- socioeconomic change and development (Year 12)
- women in society (Year 11)
- cultural change (Year 12)

See the Board's website (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) for the resource list which includes the Required Reading List.

Effective: Immediately

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**Amendments to Stage 6
Languages Background Speakers
syllabuses in Chinese, Indonesian,
Japanese and Korean**

**BOS
30/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers of minor amendments to the Stage 6 Languages Background Speakers syllabuses in Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean.

The amended syllabuses and a summary of changes will be available by the beginning of Term 3 2008 on the Board of Studies website.

The amended syllabuses will be effective for the HSC examination in 2009.

The website will contain:

- the original syllabuses approved in 1999 (which remain current for the HSC course and examination in 2008)
- the amended syllabuses (for the HSC examination in 2009).

Effective 2009 HSC examination

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**Amendments to Stage 6
Languages Continuers syllabuses
in Arabic, Chinese, French, German,
Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean,
Modern Greek, Modern Hebrew, Spanish
and Vietnamese**

**BOS
31/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers of minor amendments to the Stage 6 Languages Continuers syllabuses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Modern Hebrew, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The amended syllabuses and a summary of changes will be available by the beginning of Term 3 2008 on the Board of Studies website.

The amended syllabuses will be effective for the HSC examination in 2009.

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The website will contain:

- the original syllabuses approved in 1999 (which remain current for the HSC course and examination in 2008)
- the final amended syllabuses (for the HSC examination in 2009).

Effective 2009 HSC examination

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Amendments to Stage 6 Languages Extension syllabuses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish **BOS 32/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers of minor amendments to the Stage 6 Languages Extension syllabuses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish.

The amended syllabuses and a summary of changes will be available by the beginning of Term 3 2008 on the Board of Studies website.

The amended syllabuses will be effective for the HSC course and examination in 2009.

The website will contain:

- the original syllabuses approved in 2000 (which remain current for the HSC course and examination in 2008)
- the amended syllabuses (for the HSC course and examination in 2009).

Effective 2009 HSC course and examination

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Amendments to the Japanese Background Speakers HSC course prescriptions 2009–2013 **BOS 33/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of the following amendments to the Japanese Background Speakers HSC course prescriptions for 2009–2013.

1. The following chapters in the text, *Otokodatera ni onnanaki*, are prescribed for study:
 'Wakagumi no nakademo hassou' and 'Otokonaki no bigaku'.
2. The publisher of the text, *Chiisaki mono e*, is Shinchosha.

Effective Commencement of 2009 HSC course

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Student writing booklets for the 2008 Information Processes and Technology, General Mathematics and Mathematics HSC examinations **BOS 34/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students of Information Processes and Technology, General Mathematics and Mathematics that the writing booklets provided to students for the HSC examinations in these courses will have student numbers and centre numbers printed on the front page. Question numbers will also be printed on these booklets, except for Section III of the Information Processes and Technology examination, where students will be required to write the numbers of the two option questions that they answer in the spaces provided.

The folded A3 writing booklets will consist of four A4 pages: a cover page and three lined pages for student working and/or answers. Additional writing booklets will be available for students if required.

The multiple-choice answer sheet for the Information Processes and Technology and General Mathematics examinations will also be in a folded A3 booklet.

A generic (ie not course-specific) example of both the multiple-choice answer sheet and the writing booklet is available for teachers and students to view on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pdf_doc/mcanswersheet.pdf and www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/pdf_doc/writing-booklet.pdf

Effective: 2008 HSC examination

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Access to Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in Stage 5 in 2009

**BOS
36/08**

The Board wishes to advise that the guidelines for access to VET courses in Stage 5 in 2009 are now available on the Board's website.

For schools that belong to school systems, the relevant school sector authority will provide separate additional advice on processes for approval to offer and deliver VET courses to students in Stage 5 in 2009.

Schools intending to offer VET courses to students in Stage 5 in 2009 are required to complete a *Notification of intention to access VET courses in Stage 5 in 2009* form and submit it to the Office of the Board of Studies by **Friday, 29 August 2008**.

Notification forms received will be forwarded to the relevant school system authority for their information.

The guidelines, the notification form and further information and advice are available on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/stage-5.html

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Mathematics K–6 Support Document for Students with Special Education Needs

**BOS
37/08**

The Board wishes to advise that the *Mathematics K–6 Support Document for Students with Special Education Needs* has been published on the K–6 website at <http://k6.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au>

The online document supports teachers in the planning, programming, assessment, implementation and evaluation of learning experiences that enable all students to demonstrate achievement in relation to the outcomes and content of the *Mathematics K–6 Syllabus*.

A printed introduction to the online document will be sent to all primary schools.

Effective: Immediately

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Approved scientific calculators for the 2008 Higher School Certificate examinations

**BOS
38/08**

The Board wishes to advise that the list of scientific calculators for use in the 2008 Higher School Certificate examinations has been updated. The final list can be found on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/calculators_hsc.html

The examinations in which scientific calculators are permitted are listed in the equipment checklist that can also be found on the Board's website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/equipment_list.html

Effective: 2008 HSC examination

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Dance Stage 6 Course Prescriptions 2010–2012

**BOS
39/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students that the Dance Stage 6 Course Prescriptions 2010–2012 are now available on the Board of Studies website.

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***Drama Stage 6 Course
Prescriptions 2010–2012***

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40/08**

The Board wishes to advise teachers and students that the Drama Stage 6 Course Prescriptions 2010–2012 are now available on the Board of Studies website.

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