



Arrangements for students entering Year 10 in 2012

Dear Principal

The Board of Studies is currently consulting on details of a new credential to be awarded to students who leave school prior to receiving their HSC. This credential will replace the School Certificate.

Details of the new credential will be announced early in the next school year after the Board considers the outcomes of the consultation.

It is important to note that there will be no changes to school processes next year other than there being no external tests for Year 10 students.

The Board of Studies NSW wishes to confirm the arrangements for students entering Year 10 in 2012:

- Other than minor statutory amendments regarding the name of the credential, the registration and accreditation requirements for non-government schools will not change.
- The end date for Year 10 will not change. Students will be expected to maintain a satisfactory attendance record as defined by your school or school system authority.
- The commencement date for HSC studies will not change.
- The submission of grades for students in Year 10 in 2012 to the Board of Studies is expected to be required in late November 2012 as per the normal process.

The implementation proposal put forward by the Board is that grades will also be submitted in around October 2013 for all Year 11 students. The Board will continue to keep schools advised on these changes as they are finalised.

Once again, I would encourage you to consider the implementation proposals and make comments using our online survey (this survey has now closed).

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Board President