

## Summary of Agriculture HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

*The Board decided to schedule a project of amendments to the Agriculture Stage 6 syllabus and to implement the proposed changes to the Agriculture HSC examinations and assessment requirements for the 2011 HSC cohort. The original proposals for Agriculture are available at: [http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus\\_hsc/exam-proposals/agriculture.pdf](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/syllabus_hsc/exam-proposals/agriculture.pdf)*

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for Agriculture in 2010 are outlined below.

### **Outline of HSC examination specifications**

#### **Paper 1 (70 marks)**

A written examination of two hours plus 5 minutes reading time.

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<i>Section I</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer questions</li></ul>	25
<i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer questions</li></ul>	30
<i>Section III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be four structured extended response questions</li><li>• Students answer one question, with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words).</li></ul>	15
	<b>70</b>

EITHER

#### **Paper 2 (30 marks)**

A written examination of one hour plus 5 minutes reading time.

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be six structured extended response questions, one based on each of the electives</li><li>• Students answer two questions, on the electives they have studied, each with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words) in total.</li></ul>	30
	<b>30</b>

OR

#### **Research Project (30 marks)**

### Changes from current examination specifications

The expected length for the extended responses is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

### ***Outline of internal assessment requirements***

There will be three to five assessment tasks. There are no changes to the components and weightings in 2010.