2010 HSC Assessment and Examination Changes

IMPORTANT CHECKLIST!

Dear Principal

Please ensure that Head Teachers and other relevant staff are aware of all 2010 HSC assessment and examination changes.

Teachers are strongly encouraged to check the documentation available on the Board’s website to ensure that they have made any necessary changes to their assessment programs and are familiar with any changes to the 2010 HSC examinations.

Assessment Changes for 2010

Assessment programs used to determine the HSC internal assessment mark must comply with the components and weightings specified in the Assessment and Reporting documents which are available for each course on the Board’s website.

The following list includes all courses with new HSC assessment components and/or weightings from 2010.

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Examination Changes for 2010

Changes to the mark value, question type and/or format and structure of the examination paper will affect some examinations from 2010.

It is important that teachers check the 2010 HSC examination specifications for their course to ensure that they and their students are fully aware of the changes that will apply from this year.

Sample Examination Questions

Sample examination questions have been produced only for the following courses where there has been a significant change to the examination specifications.

Ancient History
Classical Greek Continuers
Classical Greek Extension
Classical Hebrew Continuers
Classical Hebrew Extension
Community and Family Studies
Food Technology
Industrial Technology
Latin Continuers
Latin Extension
Modern History
Personal Development Health and Physical Education
Society and Culture
VET Framework courses
(Note. This list reflects only examinations with significant changes for 2010)

For further information regarding changes to HSC assessment requirements, please contact Chris Thompson, Head, Measurement Support Unit, on (02) 9367 8069, or email: christopher.thompson@bos.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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