

## Summary of Languages Background Speakers 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 HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese and Korean Background Speakers are outlined below.

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

A written examination of three hours including 10 minutes reading time.

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<i>Section I: Listening and responding</i> Part A • Short-answer and objective response questions	10
Part B • One text to be written in [Language]	10
<i>Section II: Reading and responding</i> Part A • Short-answer and extended response questions in English or [Language]	40
Part B • One text in [Language] with response in [Language]	15
<i>Section III: Writing</i> • One text to be written in [Language]. There will be a choice of two tasks, both of which require the same text type.	25

### Changes from current examination specifications

In Section III, there will be a choice of two tasks both requiring the same text type, rather than the current choice of three that may be of different text types.

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

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