

## Summary of Latin Continuers 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 Latin Continuers are outlined below.

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

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

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<i>Section I – Prescribed Text: Prose</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translation into English</li><li>• Objective response questions</li><li>• Short-answer questions</li><li>• A single question with an expected length of response of around three examination writing booklet pages (approximately 400 words).</li></ul>	8 7 10 10
<i>Section II – Prescribed Text: Verse</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translation into English</li><li>• Objective response questions</li><li>• Short-answer questions</li><li>• A single question with an expected length of response of around three examination writing booklet pages (approximately 400 words).</li></ul>	8 7 10 10
<i>Section III – Unseen Texts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translation into English of unseen verse and prose texts</li><li>• Short-answer and/or objective response questions based on these texts.</li></ul>	20 10
	<b>100</b>

### Changes from current examination specifications

There is an increase of 10 marks in questions related to unseen texts (Section III), with a corresponding reduction of 5 marks in each of Sections I and II. Section III contains translations of unseen texts, both verse and prose, as well as short-answer and/or objective response questions based on these texts.

In Sections I and II, the extended response questions have each been specified as 10 marks. The expected length for the responses to these questions 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.