

Summary of Textiles and Design 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 Textiles and Design are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (50 marks)

A written examination of one hour and 30 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time.

| Section/Part | Marks |
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| <i>Section I</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objective response questions | 10 |
| <i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-answer questions | 25 |
| <i>Section III</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There are two questions. One based on the Area of Study: Design and the other based on the Area of Study: Properties and Performance of Textiles.Students answer one question.Each question is a structured extended response, with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words) in total. | 15 |
| | 50 |

Major Textiles Project (50 marks)

Each student completes a Major Textiles Project, marked out of 50.

Changes from current examination specifications

In Section III, 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 comprising the following components and weightings.

| Component | Weighting |
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| Knowledge and understanding of textiles and the textile industry | 50 |
| Skills in design, manipulation, experimentation, analysis, manufacture and selection of textiles for specific end purposes using appropriate technologies | 50 |
| | 100 |

