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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Draft 1 of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies syllabus for consultation

Purpose

To notify schools that the first draft of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies syllabus is available for review and feedback by completing an online survey.

Background

The new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system will be introduced for students entering Year 11 in 2019.

To support the introduction of the new system, the QCAA is redeveloping senior syllabuses in stages.

Information

Draft 1 of the redeveloped senior syllabuses includes:

- course overview, which includes a rationale outlining the particular qualities of a subject and what the students will learn
- teaching and learning, which includes syllabus objectives, the valued pedagogies and/or conceptual frameworks particular to a subject
- four units of work, which include formative Units 1 and 2 and summative Units 3 and 4. Each unit will have a unit title and description, unit objectives, unit requirements, and detail of subject matter
- glossary, which includes curriculum language that is consistent across syllabuses as well as subject-specific terms.

The table below summarises the properties of the three syllabus drafts on which stakeholders will have opportunity to comment.

Draft 1	Draft 2	Draft 3
Rationale Objectives Units of work (x4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unit description objectives unit requirements subject matter Glossary of terms	Refined Draft 1 Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 school-based + 1 external techniques instrument-specific marking guides Glossary of terms References	Refined Draft 2 Any further resources

The first draft of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies is now available online at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll.

Learning area	Subject syllabuses*
Humanities and Social Sciences	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

* Please note that syllabus titles are provisional while the redevelopment process continues.

The QCAA invites feedback on the syllabus via the online survey, which will be available from Friday 17 March 2017 to Friday 6 April 2017.

What you need to do

- Click on the following link to take you to the syllabus redevelopment page: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll.
- Select the relevant learning area and syllabus.
- Review the survey questions provided in PDF format.
- Click on the syllabus survey link to begin the survey. You will be able to view the syllabus and complete the survey in separate windows. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes.
- Please make teachers, students and your school community aware of the survey and encourage them to participate.

Finding out more

For more information about the redevelopment process, please visit www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te. Alternatively, please email Jeff.Thompson@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3864 0260.

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