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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Draft 3 senior syllabuses for consultation

Purpose

To notify schools that 13 Draft 3 senior syllabuses are available for review and feedback from Friday 24 March 2017 to Friday 28 April 2017 through completion of 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.

Draft 3 syllabuses available for feedback

Expert writing teams comprised of practising teachers and academics with subject discipline expertise have responded to feedback on Draft 2 of the following 13 syllabuses, and Draft 3 syllabuses are now available: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll.

Learning area	Subject syllabuses*
Business and Economics	Business
English	English & Literature Extension
Languages	Chinese Extension French Extension German Extension
Science	Agricultural Science Marine Science Psychology
Technologies	Aerospace Systems Design Digital Solutions Engineering Food & Nutrition

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

Draft 3 syllabus structure

Draft 3 of the redeveloped senior syllabuses contain the following sections:

- course overview, which includes a rationale outlining the particular qualities of a subject and what 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
- assessment information for Units 3 and 4, including instrument-specific marking guides (ISMGs) for summative internal assessments
- external assessment, which includes subject-specific external assessment advice
- glossary, which includes curriculum language that is consistent across syllabuses as well as subject-specific terms
- references.

What you need to do

The QCAA invites feedback on the syllabuses via the online survey, which is available from **Friday 24 March 2017 to Friday 28 April 2017**.

Please make teachers, students and school community aware of the survey and encourage their participation.

The survey should take approximately 30 minutes. To respond, please:

- go to the QCAA's syllabus redevelopment page: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/redev-snr-syll
- click on the relevant syllabus name in the Senior secondary subject revision status table
- 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.

Finding out more

For more information about the redevelopment process, please:

- visit www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te
- email Jeff.Thompson@qcaa.qld.edu.au
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