

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Meeting: 16 September 2015

Agenda Item	Recommendation
Review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance processes update	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the update on the review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance processes and activities being conducted by the QCAA include the Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre on the Senior Review Steering Committee broaden the membership of the Measurement Working Group to include the school sectors and teacher unions.
Project plans for trial programs	It was agreed to note the update on the trial programs to support the introduction of a new system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance.
Planning for syllabus redevelopment	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> endorse the plan for Phases 2 and 3 of the proposed syllabus redevelopment process revise phase 1 to provide greater detail about the framework, noting the need for flexibility to accommodate future government decisions, and information about the consultation and approval processes.
Subject result measurement issues	It was agreed to note the measurement issues to be resolved to support the introduction of a new system of senior assessment and tertiary entrance.
Reporting the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank to all eligible Year 12 students based on existing tertiary entrance calculation methods	It was agreed to note the issues associated with reporting the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to eligible students before the introduction of new tertiary entrance processes.
P–10 Australian Curriculum update	It was agreed to note the update on the changes to the P–10 Australian Curriculum.
P–10 Australian Curriculum Working Groups	<p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to note the progress made in establishing the Prep–Year 2, Year 3–Year 6 and Year 7–Year 10 Australian Curriculum working groups to note the membership of the working groups that Board members could provide further feedback on the draft survey developed to obtain feedback from the teaching workforce on the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Queensland that the survey be further developed and resubmitted to the Board for consideration out-of-session.
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Queensland schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the Department of Education and Training would provide further information before a decision is made regarding the development of an issues paper on STEM in the primary and secondary years.

QCAA Operating Budget 2015–16	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adopt the 2015–16 operating budget • recommend the operating and capital budgets to the Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games for approval.
Audit Committee	It was agreed to note the minutes of the QCAA Audit Committee meeting held on 26 August 2015.
Chief Executive Officer's Report	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the issues with the 2014 tertiary entrance rank calculations for OP-ineligible students • request that a paper be provided to the Board on the actions to be undertaken by the Authority to prevent similar incidents in the future.
Queensland Certificate of Education recognition application	It was agreed to approve the recognition of the Department of Education and Training's Schools plus Vocational Education and Training leads to Employment Structured Workplace Learning program as enrichment learning contributing two credits towards the award of a Queensland Certificate of Education.
Out-of-Session item: Review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance processes — QCAA submission to the Minister for Education	It was agreed to note that the QCAA submission regarding the review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance was approved out-of-session and forwarded to the Minister for Education for the Government's consideration.
Out-of-Session item: QCAA Annual Financial Statements 2014–15	It was agreed to note that QCAA's Annual Financial Statements for 2014–15 were distributed to Board members out-of-session for information purposes.
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the financial report as at 31 August 2015, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 August 2015.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the Chair of the QCAA since the last meeting.
Queensland Core Skills Test update	It was agreed to note the information about the administration of the 2015 Queensland Core Skills Test.
Mid-year Certification	It was agreed to note the information regarding the Queensland Certificates of Education issued in the 2015 mid-year certification process.
Meeting dates for 2016	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the dates for the 2016 QCAA Board meetings • request that an additional meeting be scheduled as a placeholder.
Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards — date claimer	It was agreed to note the information regarding the Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards for Year 12 students graduating in 2015.