

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Meeting: 5 February 2016

Agenda Item	Recommendation
Senior syllabus design principles and design brief template for syllabus redevelopment in 2016	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the senior syllabus design principles • approve the senior syllabus design brief template • note the update on the literature reviews and the outcomes of the syllabus writing trial that will inform the redevelopment of senior syllabuses in 2016.
Revising the suite of senior syllabuses	It was agreed to approve the proposed approach for the redevelopment of the current suite of Queensland senior syllabuses, including consultation with stakeholders.
Trial activities update	It was agreed to note the update on the trial activities currently being conducted as part of the review of senior assessment and tertiary entrance processes.
Report from QCAA Senior Review Steering Committee	It was agreed to note the outcomes of the Senior Review Steering Committee meeting held on 3 February 2016.
P–10 Australian Curriculum update	It was agreed to note the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues raised by the three Australian Curriculum Working Groups at meetings held in November 2015 • approach being adopted to identify a core P–10 Australian Curriculum for Queensland schools.
QCAA delegations	It was agreed that the instrument of delegation under the <i>Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Act 2014</i> and subordinate legislation, dated 20 August 2014, should remain in force.
Draft QCAA Strategic Plan 2016–20	It was agreed to endorse the draft QCAA Strategic Plan 2016–20 for further consultation.
Scaling Anomalies Committee Report	It was agreed to note the Scaling Anomalies Committee report for 2015.
Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 10 December 2015 • approve the listed Certificate III and IV qualifications to be exempt from receiving eight credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education, at the recommended credit value.
Committee membership	It was agreed to broaden the membership of the K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee and the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee to include representation from both the Queensland Teachers' Union and the Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory Branch.

Australian Skills Quality Authority's delegation to QCAA	It was agreed to note the information regarding the extension of the Australian Skills Quality Authority's delegation to the QCAA until 2020 and the report on its delegated activities during 2015.
Printing of VET Certificates by the QCAA	It was agreed to request further information on the implications of continuing the VET printing service for QCAA's delegation from the Australian Skills Quality Authority.
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the monthly financial report for December 2015, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 December 2015.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the Chair of the QCAA since the last meeting.
Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards	It was agreed to note the information regarding the Queensland Certificate of Education Achievement Awards for Year 12 students graduating in 2015.
Meeting dates for 2016	It was agreed to approve the 2016 QCAA Board meeting dates.