

# Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 14 September 2016

Agenda Item	Recommendation
Senior syllabus redevelopment update	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>note the update on the redevelopment of senior syllabuses</li><li>note the feedback on the assessment advice for Units 1 and 2</li><li>endorse the proposed processes to support Stage 1 senior syllabus approval.</li></ul>
Senior subject nomenclature	It was agreed to approve new naming conventions – General and Applied – for all senior subjects developed, approved and issued by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority for first implementation in 2018.
Classification of Essential English and Essential Mathematics	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>provide in principle support for the classification of Essential English and Essential Mathematics as General subject offerings, subject to the results of consultation on Draft 2 of the senior syllabuses</li><li>use the Australian Curriculum nomenclature for the new Queensland Mathematics learning area senior syllabuses, i.e.:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Essential Mathematics</li><li>General Mathematics</li><li>Mathematical Methods</li><li>Specialist Mathematics.</li></ul></li></ul>
Timing of external assessments	It was agreed to provide in principle support for the scheduling of external assessment at the end of the course of study in each syllabus, subject to the results of consultation on Draft 2 of the senior syllabuses.
Reporting senior subject results	It was agreed to approve the reporting of students' subject results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>in General subjects as an A to E letter grade with an accompanying subject score that is an integer between 0 and 100</li><li>in Applied subjects as an A to E letter grade.</li></ul>
Flexible curriculum delivery	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>note the update on the work of the QCAA to support schools to flexibly implement the new senior assessment system, including catering for small candidature subjects (e.g. combined classes)</li><li>request that further information on the advantages and disadvantages of options for flexible curriculum delivery in the new senior assessment system be provided to the Authority.</li></ul>
SATE Program Brief	It was agreed to approve the draft Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) program brief.
Report from the Senior Review Steering Committee	It was agreed to note the outcomes of the Senior Review Steering Committee meeting on 7 September 2016.
P–10 Australian Curriculum	It was agreed to note the update on the implementation of the P–10 Australian Curriculum in Queensland schools.

K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee	It was agreed to note the information regarding the K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting held on 14 July 2016.
Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 2 August 2016</li> <li>• note there will be a revised Monitoring process in 2017</li> <li>• approve the Queensland Science, Maths and Related Technologies course not be recognised as Core learning contributing to the award of a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)</li> <li>• approve the listed Certificate III and IV qualifications to be exempt from receiving eight credits towards the QCE and the recommended credit value.</li> </ul>
Audit Committee	It was agreed to note the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25 August 2016.
Out-of-session paper: Reporting student subject results	It was agreed to note that the proposal to report students' subject results as integers on a scale of 0 to 100 was supported out-of-session to facilitate further consultation on Draft 2 of the senior syllabuses.
Finance Report	It was agreed to note the monthly financial report for August 2016, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 August 2016.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the QCAA Chair since the last meeting.
Procurement process for engaging consultants/contractors	It was agreed to note the QCAA procurement process for engaging consultants and contractors.
National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) update	It was agreed to note the update on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy in Queensland.
Queensland Core Skills Test update	It was agreed to note the information about the administration of the 2016 Queensland Core Skills Test.
Mid-year Certification	It was agreed to note the information regarding the Queensland Certificates of Education issued in the 2016 mid-year certification process.