

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 1 February 2017

Agenda Item	Recommendation
SATE Program update	It was agreed to commission an external review of the SATE program, including governance, tools and processes, and reporting.
Stages 1 senior syllabus approval	It was agreed to approve the following 16 General senior syllabuses for implementation with Year 11 students commencing in 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting• Chemistry• Chinese• Earth and Environmental Science• English• English as an Additional Language• French• General Mathematics• Health• Italian• Literature• Mathematical Methods• Music Extension (implementation with Year 12 students in 2020)• Philosophy and Reason• Spanish• Study of Religion.
Revision of 21 senior syllabuses to provide for summative assessments in both Units 1 & 2 and Units 3 & 4	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to provide in-principle support for the option of an alternative curriculum and assessment sequence for schools intending to implement courses of study in composite classes, subject to further consultation with the three school sectors• that the recommended option be forwarded to the QCAA Board out-of-session for approval• to approve the proposed development and consultation process for these senior syllabuses.
Essential English and Essential Mathematics	It was agreed that the Essential English and Essential Mathematics senior syllabuses be reclassified as Applied subjects, and further work be conducted on maintaining aspects of the General subject construct that support improved quality assurance.
Extension of Learning Area Reference Groups' tenure	It was agreed to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the extension of the tenure of the Learning Area Reference Groups (LARGs) until 31 December 2017• the continuation of the additional school sector representatives on the LARGs.

QCE and QCIA Policy and Procedures Handbook	It was agreed to note the update on the redevelopment process for the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) policy and procedures handbook.
External assessment evaluation report	It was agreed to note the <i>Evaluation of the External Assessment Trials – Phase 1 for the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority – Milestone 5: Final Report</i> prepared by the University of Melbourne and the actions undertaken to date in response to the report recommendations.
Review of the Queensland Certificate of Education	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the information on the scope of the Queensland Certificate of Education review • request information on the option provided in some other states that senior certification literacy and numeracy requirements can be met by achieving Band 8 results or above in Year 9 NAPLAN tests be provided at a future meeting.
NAPLAN Online	It was agreed to note the update on the transition to NAPLAN Online and issues associated with information privacy and provision of data.
Implementations of P–10 Australian Curriculum	It was agreed that the QCAA meet with the three school sectors to develop advice to support teachers implement the P–10 Australian Curriculum.
QCAA Delegations	It was agreed to confirm that the instrument of delegation under the <i>Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Act 2014</i> and subordinate legislation should remain in force.
Scaling Anomalies Committee Report 2016	It was agreed to note the Scaling Anomalies Committee report for 2016.
Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	It was agreed to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 27 January 2017 • that the committee endorsed the following 16 draft General senior syllabuses for approval by the QCAA Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accounting ○ Chemistry ○ Chinese ○ Earth and Environmental Science ○ English ○ English as an Additional Language ○ French ○ General Mathematics ○ Health ○ Italian ○ Literature ○ Mathematical Methods ○ Music Extension ○ Philosophy and Reason ○ Spanish ○ Study of Religion.

Committee Membership	It was agreed to approve the appointment of Ms Jana Judge-Seden to the K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee.
Out-of-Session paper: Use of Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks to select students for entry into medical courses at Bond University	It was agreed to note the use of Australian Tertiary Admission Ranks (ATARs) to support the selection of Queensland students who have applied for entry to the Bachelor of Medical Studies and the Doctor of Medicine programs at Bond University was approved by the Authority out-of-session.
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the financial report as at 31 December 2016, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 December 2016.
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 results trend data	It was agreed to note the Queensland Core Skills Test results and trend data in Queensland.