

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 8 March 2017

Agenda Item	Recommendation
SATE Program update	It was agreed to note the Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) Program report.
Revision of senior syllabuses to include an alternative curriculum and assessment sequence to further support delivery in composite classes	<p>It was agreed that the following 19 General senior syllabuses be progressed for approval, while further work continues on the development of an alternative curriculum and assessment sequence to support delivery in composite classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural Science• Ancient History• Biology• Dance• Design• Drama• Economics• Film, Television and New Media• Geography• German• Japanese• Legal Studies• Modern History• Music• Physical Education• Physics• Psychology• Specialist Mathematics• Visual Art.
Amendments to Subject Area Syllabuses	<p>It was agreed to approve the proposed amendments to the following 22 Subject Area Syllabuses, including the new naming convention of Applied syllabuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agricultural Practices• Aquatic Practices• Science in Practice• Religion and Ethics• Social and Community Studies• Tourism• Business Studies• Early Childhood Studies• Building and Construction Skills• Engineering Skills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fashion • Furnishing Skills • Industrial Graphics Skills • Industrial Technology Skills • Information and Communication Technology • Hospitality Practices • Arts in Practice • Dance in Practice • Drama in Practice • Media Arts in Practice • Music in Practice • Visual Arts in Practice.
Assessment requirements in the Physical Education senior syllabus	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include assessment of physical performance in the summative assessment requirements of the Physical Education senior syllabus that will contribute 25 per cent to the overall student result • conduct further consultation on the draft Physical Education syllabus • review the Recreation Subject Area Syllabus.
Prescribed text list: English syllabuses	<p>It was agreed to approve the proposed processes for the development of a prescribed text list for the approved General senior syllabuses of English, English as an Additional Language and Literature, including the establishment of a prescribed text list working group.</p>
Flexible Curriculum Delivery Working Group	<p>It was agreed to note the report on the work of the Flexible Curriculum Delivery Working Group.</p>
Draft QCE and QCIA Policy and Procedures Handbook	<p>It was agreed to note and approve the process for the development of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) policy and procedures handbook.</p>
Update on the development of ICT systems to support the new SATE systems	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the progress made in the redevelopment of core ICT systems to support the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance arrangements • note that existing cash reserves will be exhausted during the 2017–18 financial year and additional funding of approximately \$9.8 million will be sought during the 2017–18 financial year • notify the Director-General of the Department of Education and Training regarding the requirement to seek additional capital funding for the redevelopment of the ICT systems.
NAPLAN update	<p>It was agreed to note the update on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, including the transition to NAPLAN online.</p>

Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 22 February 2017 • note that the committee endorsed the amendments to the Subject Area Syllabuses, including the new naming convention of Applied syllabuses • approve the decision not to recognise the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Queensland Science Maths and Related Technologies (QSMART) course as core learning contributing towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) • approve the recognition of the Alta-1 College — Personal Recovery and Community Building course as Preparatory category of learning contributing one credit for the award of a QCE.
Audit Committee	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 28 February 2017 • approve the revised Audit Committee Charter.
Korean senior syllabus	<p>It was agreed to confirm the decisions to continue to offer a Korean senior syllabus by borrowing an external Korean senior syllabus from another Australian jurisdiction but develop the assessment in Queensland, and discontinue the school-based Korean senior syllabus.</p>
Hills International College conference in China	<p>It was agreed to accept the invitation from Hills International College for QCAA officers to present at its conference in China.</p>
Financial Report	<p>It was agreed to note the financial report as at 31 January 2017, including variance explanations.</p>
Dashboard Performance Report	<p>It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 January 2017.</p>
Correspondence Report	<p>It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the Chair of the QCAA since the last meeting.</p>
Year 12 Outcomes Report	<p>It was agreed to note the release of the Year 12 Outcomes Report for students exiting in 2016.</p>