

# Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

## Meeting: 4 July 2017

Agenda Item	Recommendation
SATE Program update	It was agreed to note the update on the activities and projects associated with the implementation of the new Queensland Certificate of Education system.
Timing of new quality assurance processes and external assessment administration	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide in principle support for the proposed timing and management of new quality assurance processes and the timing of the external assessment period for the initial years of implementation (2019, 2020, 2021)</li><li>• approve writing to the Minister for Education seeking approval to move the gazetted student free day on the third Monday of Term 4 to the third last Friday of Term 3.</li></ul>
Summative assessment pilot in 2019	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reject the possibility of a pilot of summative assessment in select subjects in 2019</li><li>• note that a registration process needs to be developed to support early completion in appropriate circumstances following commencement of the new system.</li></ul>
Draft QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook	It was agreed to approve the following three sections of the draft <i>QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook</i> , subject to the agreed amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section 2: Curriculum</li><li>• Section 4: Assessment</li><li>• Section 12: Vocational education and training (VET).</li></ul>
Queensland Certificate of Education Review	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• endorse the Queensland Certificate of Education Review report</li><li>• approve recommendations 1, 8 and 9</li><li>• conduct further work on the credit to be awarded for completed units and propose a position in relation to recommendation 2</li><li>• approve recommendation 3, noting that it will be applied to identified VET certificates</li><li>• provide further information on the recognised studies that constitute core learning to inform a decision in relation to recommendation 4</li><li>• approve recommendation 5 subject to further information being provided on credit for preparatory studies being limited to 4 credits</li><li>• not support recommendation 6, and provide in principle endorsement of recommendation 7 with further refinement of the proposals for increasing the rigour of the literacy and numeracy requirements.</li></ul>

Senior syllabus redevelopment update	It was agreed to note the update on senior syllabus revision and redevelopment.
Senior External Examination Language (LOTE) syllabuses	It was agreed to endorse the arrangements for the redevelopment/revision of Senior External Examination Language syllabuses to be available from 2019.
Senior syllabus approval	It was agreed to approve the following 10 General senior syllabuses for implementation with Year 11 students commencing from 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerospace Studies</li> <li>• Agricultural Science</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Chinese Extension</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Food and Nutrition</li> <li>• French Extension</li> <li>• German Extension</li> <li>• Marine Science</li> <li>• Psychology.</li> </ul>
Amendments to instrument-specific marking guides (ISMGs) in approved senior syllabuses	It was agreed to note the minor clarifications to the instrument-specific marking guides in 21 approved General senior syllabuses.
External assessment trial	It was agreed to note the information on the administration of the external assessment trial conducted in May-June 2017 in the six subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• Japanese</li> <li>• Mathematics B</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Visual Art.</li> </ul>
Amendments to the QCAA legislation	It was agreed to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the <i>Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Act 2014</i> to support the introduction of the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance arrangements from 2019.
Understanding Assessment	It was agreed to approve the QCAA's assessment position paper, <i>Understanding Assessment</i> , with minor amendments.
Equity Statement and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives Statement	It was agreed to approve the revised <i>Equity Statement and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives Statement</i> .
P–10 Australian Curriculum update	It was agreed to note the update on the QCAA's role in supporting Queensland schools to implement the P–10 Australian Curriculum.
Revision of the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the information about the revision of the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline</li> <li>• distribute the parent/carer consent form that will accompany the transition statement out-of-session for approval.</li> </ul>

Draft QCAA Strategic Plan 2017–21	It was agreed to endorse the draft QCAA Strategic Plan 2017–21 for consultation.
K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• note the minutes of the K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting held on 4 May 2017</li> <li>• approve the proposal to extend the accreditation period for the Crèche and Kindergarten Association’s <i>Building Waterfalls</i> as an accredited kindergarten guideline until 31 December 2019.</li> </ul>
Audit Committee	It was agreed to note the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 22 May 2017.
Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	It was agreed to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the minutes of the Years 7–12 Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 13 June 2017</li> <li>• that the committee endorsed the following 10 General senior syllabuses for approval by the QCAA Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Aerospace Studies</li> <li>o Agricultural Science</li> <li>o Business</li> <li>o Chinese Extension</li> <li>o Engineering</li> <li>o Food and Nutrition</li> <li>o French Extension</li> <li>o German Extension</li> <li>o Marine Science</li> <li>o Psychology.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Committee membership	It was agreed to approve the following appointment to the K–6 Curriculum and Assessment Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Terry Gallagher, Department of Education and Training nominee.</li> </ul>
Financial Report	It was agreed to note the financial report as at 31 May 2017, including variance explanations.
Dashboard Performance Report	It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 30 June 2017.
Correspondence Report	It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the Chair of the QCAA since the last meeting.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy update	It was agreed to note the update on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy in Queensland.