

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 31 October 2018

| Agenda Item | Recommendation |
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| SATE Program Report | It was agreed to note the Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) Program Report that provides an update on the projects associated with the implementation of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system, and the program risks and issues. |
| New QCE system communications and marketing action plan for students and the wider community update | It was agreed to note the new QCE system communications and marketing strategy and action plan for students and the wider community. |
| General Senior External Examination syllabuses — examination scope, specifications and conditions | It was agreed to approve the proposals for examination scope, specifications and conditions for the General Senior External Examination syllabuses. |
| General Senior External Examination syllabuses for approval | It was agreed to approve the following six General Senior External Examination syllabuses for implementation with Year 11 students commencing in 2019 — Arabic, Latin, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi and Russian. |
| Alternative sequence update | It was agreed to note the support being provided by QCAA for the implementation of alternative sequences in 2019. |
| Academic integrity online courses for students and teachers | It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the information about the QCAA-developed academic integrity courses• provide the teacher and student courses to schools to use as non-mandatory resources• monitor the uptake of the student course and provide a report to the Authority following the first year of implementation. |
| Recruitment and selection of casual assessors | It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• note the information regarding the QCAA's approach to the recruitment and selection of casual assessors for the new senior assessment processes• include an exemption from teacher registration for academics applying for specific assessor roles, subject to the approval of the QCAA Chief Executive Officer• provide a progress report to the Authority on assessor recruitment. |

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| <p>Venue hire for senior external assessment marking operation in 2020</p> | <p>It was agreed to approve the procurement exemption and expenditure totalling approximately \$3.567million for venue and equipment hire for the 2020 external assessment marking operation (including marker training), subject to funds being allocated by government. The expenditure will be used as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approximately \$1.628 million (excluding GST) for the exclusive use of the Royal International Convention Centre for the period 24 October – 22 November 2020 • approximately \$1.618 million (excluding GST) for the exclusive use of the Cliftons Venues for the period 24 October – 22 November 2020 • approximately \$0.281 million (excluding GST) for the supply, delivery and set-up and break-down of networked PCs by Hire Intelligence International for use at the Royal International Convention Centre only • approximately \$0.040 million (excluding GST) for the supply, delivery, set-up and breakdown of student desks, chairs and partitions by Valiant Hire for use at the Royal International Convention Centre only. |
| <p>QCAA Principals Forums – Term 4, 2019</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the information regarding the QCAA Principals Forums to be held in Term 4, 2018.</p> |
| <p>Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) trial</p> | <p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the information about the proposed small-scale trial of the Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) curriculum, assessment and reporting tool for students with disability in Queensland schools • to approve the trial of ABLES in a maximum of 20 schools in 2019 • that an evaluation report on the ABLES trial be provided to the Authority. |
| <p>Serbian Language senior syllabus</p> | <p>It was agreed not to introduce Serbian as a language subject offering for the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system.</p> |
| <p>Recognised Studies Quality Criteria</p> | <p>It was agreed to approve the proposed Recognised Study Quality Criteria for courses of study that may contribute to the Queensland Certificate of Education.</p> |
| <p>Non-State Schools Accreditation legislation</p> | <p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the change to the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (EANSS Regulation) in relation to the endorsement of a program or syllabus as appropriate for senior secondary education • approve QCAA's criteria and process for reviewing a program or syllabus to be endorsed as appropriate for senior secondary education under the EANSS Regulation, subject to the agreed amendment. |

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| <p>Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee</p> | <p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the minutes of the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 21 September 2018 • to note the committee endorsed the following six General Senior External Examination syllabuses for implementation with Year 11 students commencing in 2019 — Arabic, Latin, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi and Russian • to note the committee recommended that the Serbian language not be introduced as a subject offering for the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system • not to recognise the following courses as a learning option to meet the literacy and numeracy requirements of the QCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10290NAT Certificate I in Skills for Education and Training Pathways ○ 10291NAT Certificate II in Skills for Education, Training and Employment Pathways • not to recognise the following courses as learning that can contribute credit towards a QCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IBO Creativity, Activity and Service ○ The Rite Journey program ○ The Recreational Flying Company – Recreational Pilot Certificate, Recreational Pilot Licence and Private Pilot Licence. |
| <p>K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the minutes of the K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting held on 16 October 2018.</p> |
| <p>Committee membership</p> | <p>It was agreed to approve the following appointment to the K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee: Dr Mary Lincoln, Early childhood education representative — Department of Education nominee.</p> |
| <p>OOS item: QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook 2019 v1.0</p> | <p>It was agreed to note that the implementation version of the <i>QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook 2019 v1.0</i> was approved out-of-session.</p> |
| <p>Financial Report</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2018.</p> |
| <p>Dashboard Performance Report</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 31 October 2018.</p> |
| <p>Correspondence Report</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the QCAA Chair since the last meeting.</p> |
| <p>Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test</p> | <p>It was agreed to note the information about the administration of the 2018 Queensland Core Skills Test.</p> |