

Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 5 December 2018

Agenda Item	Recommendation
Non-language General Senior External Examination syllabuses for approval	<p>It was agreed to approve the following 12 General Senior External Examination syllabuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting• Ancient History• Biology• Chemistry• English• Legal Studies• General Mathematics• Mathematical Methods• Modern History• Philosophy and Reason• Physics• Visual Art.
Ancient and Modern History Senior syllabuses	<p>It was agreed not to amend the Ancient History and Modern History General senior syllabuses as requested by the Queensland History Teachers' Association but to consider its feedback as part of the syllabus revision process to occur in 2020.</p>
Reporting on Units 1 and 2	<p>It was agreed to note the support being provided to schools in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• approaches to assessing and making judgments in General subjects for Units 1 and 2• reporting satisfactory or unsatisfactory achievement in General subjects for Units 1 and 2 to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.
Principals Forum update	<p>It was agreed to note the information regarding the QCAA Principals Forums held in Term 4, 2018.</p>
P–10 Australian Curriculum update	<p>It was agreed to note the update about the status of the P–10 Australian Curriculum resources and the P–10 Australian Curriculum in Queensland section on the QCAA website.</p>
New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education	<p>It was agreed not to endorse the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education program as appropriate for senior secondary education for the purposes of accreditation under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017.</p>
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy — staffing	<p>It was agreed to approve the following staffing arrangements to support NAPLAN Online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the extension of 1 x AO8 Manager and 1 x AO7 Principal Testing Officer until 31 October 2020• the creation of three additional temporary positions (2 x AO7 Principal Testing Officers, and 1 x AO4 Assessment Operations Officer) until 31 October 2020.

Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	<p>It was agreed to note the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> minutes of the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 21 November 2018 committee recommendation that the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education program not be endorsed as appropriate for senior secondary education for the purposes of accreditation under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 at this time committee recommendation that the amendments to the Ancient History and Modern History General senior syllabuses requested by the Queensland History Teachers' Association be considered in the syllabus revision process to occur in 2020.
Audit and Risk Committee	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 22 November 2018 note the QCAA Operational Plan for 2018–19 and request six-monthly progress reports on the implementation of the plan be provided to the Authority endorse the draft Internal Audit Plan for 2018–19 and recommend it to the QCAA Chief Executive Officer for approval request a strategic risk assessment be conducted of QCAA's operations approve the revised Audit and Risk Committee charter.
Scaling Anomalies Committee	<p>It was agreed to note the outcomes of the Scaling Anomalies Committee meeting held on 8 November 2018.</p>
Committee membership	<p>It was agreed to approve the following appointment to the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith Lilino, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education representative on the committee — Department of Education nominee.
Financial Report	<p>It was agreed to note the financial statements for the period ended 31 October 2018.</p>
Dashboard Performance Report	<p>It was agreed to note the Dashboard Performance Report as at 30 November 2018.</p>
Correspondence Report	<p>It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the QCAA Chair since the last meeting.</p>
QCE Achievement Awards – date claimer	<p>It was agreed to note the information regarding the QCE Achievement Awards for Year 12 students graduating in 2018.</p>