

# Summary of QCAA Board decisions

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Meeting: 31 March 2021

Agenda Item	Recommendation
F–10 Australian Curriculum review update	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to note the update on the review of the F–10 Australian Curriculum</li><li>that Queensland schools participate in the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's intensive F–6 engagement activity associated with the curriculum review.</li></ul>
Respectful relationships education	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>note the place of respectful relationships education, including consent and reporting of sexual assault, within the current and proposed Australian Curriculum</li><li>request an update on the inclusion of these concepts in the senior curriculum be provided to the Authority.</li></ul>
QCE system post-cycle process review update	It was agreed to note the update on the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system post-cycle process review.
Senior syllabus review update	It was agreed to note the update on the senior syllabus review and revision activities.
Endorsement update – Event 2	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>note the update on the outcomes of Application 1 for the second endorsement event and the next steps for finalising Endorsement for the 2021 cohort</li><li>request a report on critical business continuity planning for 2021.</li></ul>
Subject reports	It was agreed to note the information on the release of the inaugural subject reports as part of the new QCE system.
Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments	It was agreed to note the Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA) data.
FSK training package for QCE literacy and numeracy requirements	It was agreed to note that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways does not meet the minimum literacy or numeracy requirements for the QCE and will not be included as a literacy and numeracy option when FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways expires</li><li>QCAA will work with the three schooling sectors throughout 2021 to develop resources and professional learning programs to support schools that have previously used FSK20113 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways to support students to meet the literacy and numeracy requirements, and identify and implement alternative options.</li></ul>

NAPLAN update	<p>It was agreed to note the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• current status of the 2021 National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Queensland</li> <li>• changes to copyright obligations in the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority’s 2021 Memorandum of Understanding and actions required by QCAA and sectors as a result of the change.</li> </ul>
NAPLAN expenditure 2021	<p>It was agreed to approve expenditure up to \$3.8 million for the logistical services provided by Fuji Xerox BusinessForce Pty Ltd for the 2021 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests.</p>
Audit and Risk Committee	<p>It was agreed to note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021.</p>
K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee	<p>It was agreed to note the minutes of the K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021.</p>
Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee	<p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to note the minutes of the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Committee meeting held on 4 March 2021.</li> <li>• not to recognise the following courses as learning that can contribute credit towards the QCE and cancel the recognition agreement after its expiry date on 31 December 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Australian Building and Construction Universal Solutions (Abacus) Group – Can do Kids Ready4Work Enrichment program</li> <li>○ Australian Business Week Ltd – ABW Enterprise Education program</li> <li>○ Mighty Minds – Links to Life program</li> <li>○ Tapatak Oz – Nine courses ranging from Tap Teen Advanced 1 to Tap Junior Associate</li> <li>○ Worklinks – Employability Skills Development Course</li> </ul> </li> <li>• to note that the following learning providers will no longer be recognised after the recognition agreement expiry date as the providers do not wish to pursue ongoing recognition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cisco Systems Australia – five courses ranging from IT essentials to Connecting Networks</li> <li>○ Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) Education Queensland International (EQI) Unilearn – eight courses ranging from Academic Literacy Skills to Senior Mathematics</li> <li>○ The Australian College of Music – 131 courses ranging from Clarinet Grade 4 to Violoncello Licentiate Diploma</li> </ul> </li> <li>• not to recognise the Connect’n’Grow Student Enhancing Life Foundations course as learning that can contribute credit towards the QCE.</li> </ul>

Committee membership	<p>It was agreed to approve the following appointments to the K–10 Curriculum and Assessment Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Martine Gill, Queensland Association of State School Principals nominee</li> <li>• Ms Annette Fanning, Queensland Secondary Principals' Association nominee.</li> </ul>
Out-of-session item: Year 12 outcomes reporting in the new QCE system	<p>It was agreed to note the revised Year 12 outcomes reporting format for the consideration of the Minister for Education was approved out-of-session.</p>
Out-of-session item: Expenditure approval for the senior external assessment marker training and marking operation	<p>It was agreed to note that the following recommendations were approved out-of-session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• financial expenditure of up to \$5.22m for a three-year period, commencing in 2021, for the venue and associated costs for the external assessment marker training and marking to support external assessment in the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system</li> <li>• an exemption from a procurement process to secure the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) as the preferred venue for external assessment marker training and marking for the QCE system</li> <li>• financial expenditure of up to \$4.83m for a three-year period, commencing in 2021, for the freight and logistics to support external assessment in the QCE system using the whole-of-government Standing Offer Arrangement.</li> </ul>
Out-of-session item: QCAA Delegations	<p>It was agreed to note approval was provided out-of-session to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delegate its powers under the <i>Education (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) Act 2014</i> and subordinate legislation in accordance with the proposed instrument of delegation, and</li> <li>• authorise the Chair to sign on its behalf.</li> </ul>
Out-of-session item: Response to post-cycle feedback – Additional confirmation opportunity	<p>It was agreed to note that the proposal to offer schools the option of confirming their second internal assessment ahead of the September 2021 confirmation event was approved out-of-session.</p>
Financial Report	<p>It was agreed to note the financial report as at February 2021.</p>
Report on the implementation of the operational plan	<p>It was agreed to note the report on the implementation of the operational plan.</p>
Correspondence Report	<p>It was agreed to note the correspondence received or sent by the QCAA Chair since the last meeting.</p>