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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Trial activity to inform Confirmation in the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) system

Purpose

To notify you of a small scale trial to inform the design of an online platform to be used in the quality assurance process of Confirmation in the new QCE system to be introduced from 2019.

Background

In the new QCE system, comparability of student results will be achieved through a quality assurance process called Confirmation. It will involve QCAA assuring the consistency and accuracy of a school's application of the instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG) for each of the three internal assessments.

After schools mark and internally quality assure student assessments, QCAA will distribute a sample of student responses to trained assessors who will ensure appropriate alignment between schools' judgments and the ISMGs. It is intended that the distribution and workflow will be managed through an online Confirmation application.

Information

To inform the development of the online Confirmation application, the QCAA will trial a new approach to the 2018 Monitoring process for schools in the Brisbane-Ipswich and Wide Bay districts that offer:

- Dance
- English
- Geography
- Mathematics B.

Because Dance is a small candidature subject, the Brisbane-Ipswich district also captures Toowoomba schools.

Schools in these districts will submit electronic copies of the monitoring submission for review instead of the customary hard copies. Panellists will then review these submissions using an online platform. All other aspects of the Monitoring process will stay the same.

Feedback from teachers and panellists in the trial will help shape the Confirmation application in the new QCE system.

Monitoring is a key part of current quality assurance processes for school-based assessment in senior schooling. It involves schools sending representative folios of Year 11 student work to district review panels. The panels look at how well schools are implementing the syllabuses and making level of achievement decisions.

What you need to do

Please note the changed arrangements for Monitoring in the above mentioned subjects and districts in 2018, and their relationship to Confirmation in the new QCE system.

Finding out more

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