



Primary Matters

Mathematics Support Package for Aboriginal students

As part of the K–10 Mathematics Review, the Aboriginal Curriculum Unit of the Office of the Board of Studies is undertaking a project to provide support for Aboriginal students' learning in Mathematics. The project involves teachers and community members from Crawford and Walhallow Public Schools. They will develop an integrated support package that will include units of work, annotated student work samples, professional process journals and audio and audiovisual materials for the internet and in CD-ROM form.


During Term 2, the teachers and community members were producing Stage 2 teaching and learning units that engage Aboriginal students in learning Mathematics and improving their numeracy skills.

The project development processes have been derived from the document *Working with Aboriginal Communities – A Guide to Community Consultation and Protocols*, which was published by the Board of Studies and distributed to all schools late in 2001. Teacher mentors and a university mentor will assist the schools and teachers participating in the project by providing support and critical feedback during the development of the units.

In Term 3, they will trial the units with students and collect work samples from them for inclusion in the final support package. Participants will also document their experiences in a professional process journal, which will also include audio and audiovisual recordings of meetings and discussions, student participation and selected lessons around the units of work.

During Term 4, the Aboriginal Curriculum Unit will evaluate the project with the participants and organise the materials developed during the project into an integrated support package. It is envisaged that the support package will be made available to schools on the Board's website and in CD-ROM form at the end of Term 1 next year.

The support package will provide schools with valuable units of work and annotated student work samples. It will also outline how other teachers can work with their school communities to develop effective learning materials for local Aboriginal students.

For further information about these items or other K–6 curriculum matters, contact Margaret Malone, Inspector, Primary Education, by phone (02) 9367 8199, fax (02) 9367 8476 or email malone@boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au 

What's New on the BOS Website this Month?



HSC 2002 Update a series of newsletters to keep you up-to-date with developments relating to the Higher School Certificate news

Years 7–10 Life Skills Writing Briefs are now available for English; Mathematics; Personal Development, Health and Physical Education; Science

Years 7–10 Draft Writing Briefs are now available for Aboriginal Studies; Design and Technology; Food Technology; Commerce; Graphics Technology; Dance; Drama; Social and Cultural Studies

Years 7–10 Life Skills Draft Writing Brief for Human Society and Its Environment; Languages; Technological and Applied Studies; Creative Arts

The **Ancient History** 2002 Higher School Certificate examination paper mock-up is now available for viewing

May 2002 Entries of Students by Sex HSC

May 2002 Entries of Students by Sex HSC (Preliminary)

English Years 7–10 Draft Syllabus Consultation Report and Draft Syllabus Survey Responses

Studying for the NSW Higher School Certificate – An Information Booklet for Year 10 Students, 2002

Key Decisions by the Board of Studies Meeting 21 May 2002
Replacement of the term 'band' in the Higher School Certificate; Computing Skills Assessment for Year 10; Implementation of revised Years 7–10 Mathematics and English Syllabuses; Stage 4 outcomes in elective Years 7–10 syllabuses

General Mathematics 2002 HSC Examination Formulae Sheet

English-literacy Test Objective Response Answers – 2001 School Certificate

The Minister's Young Designers Awards forms (close 31 July)
Forms for Expression of Interest, Judging Sheet, School Entry Form, MYDA Student Checklist, Student Project Cover Sheet

Years 7–10 Writing Briefs and Surveys

- Agricultural Technology Years 7–10 Draft Writing Brief and Draft Writing Brief Survey
- Work Education Years 7–10 Draft Writing Brief Survey for Employers and Industry

Board Endorsed VET Courses – Guidelines and Application Forms to commence/continue in 2003

The **Higher School Certificate Examination Timetable 2002** is now available

The **Classical Hebrew Extension 2002 Higher School Certificate examination paper** mock-up is available for viewing

Information for prospective Chief Examiners, Members of Examination Committees and Assessors The Board invites expressions of interest for the 2003 HSC examinations and School Certificate tests, or to assess the draft 2003 examination and test papers.