

## Primary Curriculum Project

Work has begun on identifying the key issues currently impacting on primary teaching following the collection of data from Primary schools across the state.

Analysis of the information collected from teachers by questionnaire and through meetings with Board of Studies Liaison Officers began late last term. During Term 2 there will be further consultation with teachers and education groups to identify a

concise set of key issues based on initial analysis of the data.

A detailed report, which will cover analysis of responses and compilation of the key issues, will be provided at the June meeting of the Primary Curriculum Committee. The committee will focus on strategies to address the key issues identified.

In Term 3 there will be focus group meetings conducted around the

state to consult with teachers on the key issues identified from the data and how to best implement the strategies that will be developed by the Primary Curriculum Committee.

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## Innovative new Online projects

The Board of Studies has received special funding from the NSW Government for the development of two innovative online projects designed to assist teachers and students.

### Assessment Resource Centre Website

The first project, an Assessment Resource Centre website, will offer teachers from Kindergarten to Year 12 a unique opportunity to exchange and develop assessment materials such as assignments and testing exercises.

The Board of Studies will contribute a range of assessment-related material to the website;

however, it is envisaged that future enhancements will enable teachers to submit their own materials to be shared with other colleagues, providing a unique venue for teachers to jointly develop materials and to share their own assessment resources.

### Students Online

The second project will extend the Board's Students Online service that currently enables students to access their HSC results directly from the Internet using their student number and a Personalised Identification Number (PIN).

The extended Students Online services that are being developed will allow students to view their:

- current and past course enrolment details
- eligibility details
- results from previous years
- personal details such as name and home address
- personalised HSC examination timetable.

Schools and students will receive more information about these new facilities as they become available.

### Support materials for K-6 Mathematics

The *K-6 Mathematics Syllabus, Principal's Package and Parents' and Community Package* have been distributed to all primary schools and are available from the Mathematics section of the Board's K-6 web site [www.bosnswk6.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bosnswk6.nsw.edu.au)

To further support the *K-6 Mathematics Syllabus* the following materials will be distributed to all primary schools during Term 2, 2003:

- *K-6 Mathematics Units of Work* – this document contains for each stage of learning units of work that address new aspects of the syllabus
- *K-6 Mathematics Work Samples* – a CD-ROM using annotated samples of student work to assist teachers in understanding the syllabus outcomes and indicators.

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