

Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 21 March 2025 board meeting

The Northern Territory (NT) Board of Studies is charged with providing high quality advice to the Minister for Education and Training and the Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Training on curriculum policy in relation to:

- a) establishing and maintaining curriculum frameworks that address the needs of all students in the Northern Territory school education system
- b) establishing and maintaining procedures for student assessment, reporting and certification
- c) monitoring, evaluating and reporting on student performance
- d) improving student outcomes
- e) government policy that impacts the board's functions.

At the first meeting of 2025 the board discussed the following:

- The board reflected on the success of the 2024 NTBOS student awards ceremonies held in Darwin and Alice Springs on Friday 31 January 2025 and Thursday 6 February 2025 respectively.
- The Indigenous Languages and Culture Curriculum (ILC) and the purpose of the board-led review. Presentations were made by representatives from all three sectors. Each sector provided information on how the ILC curriculum is implemented in their sector or schools.
- The Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Training provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives. Of particular interest was the secondary school reform, developments in the department's new training sector, boosting of literacy and numeracy in NT schools, and improving school attendance.
- The A/Executive Director, Inclusion and Engagement Services and ACARA NT board member provided an update on the work of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).
- The Senior Director Secondary Years, Teaching and Learning Services provided a presentation on 2024 Year 12 completions and an update on the 2025 NTCET. An update on the work of the Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities (ACARA) was also provided.

Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will take place on Friday 23 May 2025.