

Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 1 May 2026 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 2026 the board engaged in several professional presentations. Discussion focussed on the 2026 priorities based on the minister's commissioning letter.

- The board reflected on the success of the 2025 NTBOS student awards ceremonies held in Darwin and Alice Springs on Friday 30 January 2026 and Friday 6 February 2026 respectively.
- The board discussed the 2026 commissioning letter, provided by the Minister for Education and Training and discussed the sequence of work for the year. The board confirmed that the Terms of Reference remain relevant for 2026.
- The Executive Director, Quality Standards and Regulation and Director, External Review and Reform provided an update on the review of the NT Board of Studies and the Teacher Registration Board (TRB).
- The Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Training provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives. Of particular interest was the CDU VET accreditation update and boosting literacy and numeracy in NT schools.
- 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 2025 Year 12 completions and an update on the 2026 NTCET. An update on the work of the Australasian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities (ACACA) was also provided.

Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will take place on Monday 10 August 2026.