

# Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 22 March 2024 board meeting

## Background

The Northern Territory (NT) Board of Studies is charged with providing high quality advice to the Minister for Education and the Chief Executive of the Department of Education 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.

## Focus areas

At the first meeting of 2024 the Board welcomed a number of new members. Discussion focussed on determining priorities for 2024 based on the Minister's commissioning letter.

### NTBOS student awards

The Board reflected on the success of the 2023 NTBOS Student Awards Ceremonies, held in Darwin and Alice Springs in February 2024. The awards showcased the outstanding academic achievements from NTCET students in 2023. The Board also established a working group to provide advice to the Board on potential new awards categories to be considered as part of the 2024 NTBOS awards.

### Board governance and workplan

The Board discussed the 2024 Commissioning Letter, provided by the Minister for Education and discussed the sequence of work for the year. The Board confirmed that the Terms of Reference remain relevant for 2024.

### Monitoring of implementation of the Australian Curriculum version 9.0

The Board established a working group, with representatives from all three sectors, to prepare advice for the Board and the Minister on how best to monitor implementation of the Australian Curriculum version 9.0 across all sectors, to ensure compliance with agreed implementation timeframes.

### Presentations

The following presentations were made to the Board:

1. The Chief Executive of the Department of Education provided an update on strategic initiatives and priorities for Education Ministers, and the department.
2. Representatives from the Department of Education presented on the Secondary Review.

## Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will take place on 24 May 2024.