

# Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 11 August 2023 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 third meeting of 2023 the Board set the agenda for the delivery of key pieces of work required throughout 2023, with a particular focus on senior secondary education.

### Board governance

The Board considered a number of governance items, including approving an addendum to the Strategic Plan 2022 - 2027, approving the 2022 Annual Report, discussing the Workplan, and discussing an audit of the NTBOS policies. Working groups have been established, and are continuing to progress key pieces of work out of session.

### Minister for Education

The Hon Eva Lawler, MLA, spoke to the Board about initiatives and policies at the commonwealth level, and how they will impact the Northern Territory.

### South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE)

Michaela Bensely, the CEO of SACE, gave a presentation to the Board detailing new initiatives and projects SACE have been piloting, as well as updating the Board regarding new and emerging SACE subjects.

### Northern Territory School of Distance Education (NTSDE)

Anne White, Principal of NTSDE, gave a presentation to the Board about the HEAL program, highlighting how the HEAL program helps students re-engage with schooling and improve their literacy levels for senior secondary schooling, supporting completion of the NTCET.

### Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) data

The NT Department of Education gave a presentation to the Board about 2022 NTCET data analysis, and 2023 NTCET data capture so far.

### NT Board of Studies Year 10 curriculum

The Board considered the ongoing relevance of the NT Board of Studies Year 10 curriculum, and decided that it would be revoked for 2024. The NTBOS Year 10 curriculum was developed at a point in time when the Australian Curriculum did not extend to Year 10. The Board agreed that NT schools should be teaching the Australian Curriculum version 9.0 for all Year 10 students.

### Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The fourth NT Board of Studies Board meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Friday 27 October 2023.