

Northern Territory Board of Studies

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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 second meeting of 2024 the Board engaged in a number of professional presentations. Discussion focussed on the 2024 priorities based on the Minister's commissioning letter.

NTBOS student awards

The NTBOS awards working group provided updates regarding potential new awards to be considered for 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.

Monitoring of implementation of the Australian Curriculum version 9.0

There has been tremendous take up of the Australian Curriculum version 9 across the three sectors. Schools have been well supported and scaffolded to implement the curriculum. Advice will be provided to the Minister on its progress.

Presentations

The following presentations were made to the Board:

1. The Director of Catholic Education Northern Territory provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives for the Catholic school system in the NT.
2. The Chief Executive of the Department of Education provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives.
3. The Minister for Education provided an overview of current nation and strategic education priorities.

4. The Chief Executive Officer from the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) provided an update on the current SACE priorities, and discussed the ongoing partnership between SACE and NTBOS.
5. The Executive Director, Teaching and Learning Services from the Department of Education provided a summary of the 2023 Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) results and an overview of the work being undertaken in partnership with the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO).

Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will take place on Thursday 15 August 2024, in Katherine.