

Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 27 October 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 fourth and final meeting of 2023 the Board focussed on addressing items on the Minister's commissioning letter and determining board priorities for 2024.

Strategic partnerships

The Board discussed organisations they wished to foster strategic partnerships with throughout 2024. A number of organisations were identified including education research organisations, deliverers of initial teacher education, and industry councils.

2023 NAPLAN data analysis

The NT Department of Education gave a presentation to the Board regarding the 2023 NAPLAN data for the NT.

Artificial Intelligence in Education

The Board discussed the emergence of AI technology and the implications it could have on education. The Board supports the implementation of the national AI framework in schools, and is looking to learn more about AI trials being completed in educational contexts across the country.

Quality Standards Framework for flexible education programs

The Inclusion and Engagement team from the Department of Education presented to the Board regarding the Quality Standards Framework for flexible education programs. The Board were impressed by the work being conducted and are looking forward to monitoring the progression of the project.

Monitoring of the implementation of Australian Curriculum version 9

The Board invited representatives of all 3 education sectors (Government, Catholic, and Independent) to present to the Board regarding their sector's implementation of version 9 of the Australian Curriculum, and their implementation plans moving forwards.

Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will be the first meeting of 2024, which will take place on 22 March 2024.