

Northern Territory Board of Studies

Communiqué – 15 August 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 third 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 advice regarding potential new awards to be considered for introduction at the 2024 NTBOS awards. Four new awards were approved to be introduced at the 2024 NTBOS awards ceremony:

- Psychology award
- Humanities award
- Performing Arts award
- Health and Wellbeing award

Presentations

The following presentations were made to the Board by the Department of Education:

1. The Chief Executive of the Department of Education provided an overview of current priorities and initiatives. Of particular interest was the 2025 School Resourcing Reform, Review of Preschool Funding and Delivery in the Northern Territory and On-Country Learning Measure (OCLM).
2. The Deputy Chief Executive, Strategic Policy, Projects and Performance provided an update on the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement and the Secondary Education Review.
3. Quality Standards and Regulation Division provided an update on the Disability Royal Commission recommendations. This was provided to inform board discussions, on how the curriculum can be implemented across the Northern Territory education system to better support students living with a disability.
4. The Senior Director Secondary Years and Post School Pathways provided an update on 2024 NTCET student tracking data.

5. The Senior Director Early Years and Primary provided an update on the department's Revised Curriculum, Assessment, Reporting and Certification Policy (CARC).

Next NT Board of Studies board meeting

The next NT Board of Studies meeting will take place on Friday 25 October 2024.