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PDHPE Syllabus

Update

In February this year, a draft was sent to every school to provide teachers with the opportunity to contribute to the development of the new PDHPE syllabus for the HSC. The consultation period ended on March 8, 1999.

The consultation process found that teachers were generally supportive of the draft PDHPE syllabus. However, a number of changes were recommended. The broad issues arising from the consultation and the proposed broad changes to the draft PDHPE syllabus are as follows:

- **Reorganise the course outcomes:** The outcomes will be rewritten to cover both the Preliminary and HSC Course rather than specific modules.
- **Reduce the amount of content:** The size of each module will be reduced to retain two options per course.
- **Increase the scope for practical application,** including a particular emphasis on movement. The “Students will learn to” column will focus more on application and the Preliminary Course will include an option on movement and composition.
- **Increase the clarity of what students are to know and do:** Revisit the module descriptions, focus questions and “Students will learn to” and “Students will learn about” columns. The depth and breadth of study will be clearly identified in each module.
- **Strengthen the available options:** All options will be redrafted.
- **Modify examination specifications:** True/False questions will not be included in the examination.
- **Revise performance bands:** Revise band descriptors to reflect amended outcomes and content of course.

Following the consultation on the draft syllabus, the Board of Studies has taken into account the feedback received, and the draft PDHPE syllabus has been amended.

The following diagram represents the proposed course structure following the consultation.

2 Unit Preliminary Course

Core strands (70% total)

- Meanings of Health and Physical Activity (10%)
- Better Health for Individuals (35%)
- The Body in Motion (25%)

Options (30%) Select two:

- First Aid (15%)
- Composition and Performance (15%)
- Fitness Choices (15%)
- Outdoor Recreation (15%)

2 Unit HSC Course

Core strands (60% total)

- Health Priorities in Australia (30%)
- Factors Affecting Performance (30%)

Options (40%) Select two:

- The Health of Young People (20%)
- Sport and Physical Activity in Australian Society (20%)
- Sports Medicine (20%)
- Improving Performance (20%)
- Equity and Health (20%)

The Board of Studies plans to have the new syllabus in schools by July 1999. Schools will receive a syllabus package, which will include the PDHPE Syllabus, a sample examination paper and marking criteria, and draft performance bands. There are also plans to develop a support document for Stage 6 PDHPE.



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Support for implementing PDHPE

The Department has planned a multi-faceted approach to support teachers in implementing the new HSC. Curriculum support for PDHPE will be provided through HSC supplements in CURRICULUM SUPPORT, the new HSC web site and professional development workshops.

The following diagram outlines the proposed dates and locations for professional development workshops in support of the new Stage 6 PDHPE Syllabus.

Location of one-day workshops	Date	Contact person	
Blacktown	26 August	Kim Proctor	9683 9613
Coffs Harbour	26 August	Kylie Nicholls Meaghan Biron	6776 4138 & 6586 6926
Parramatta	30 August	Kim Proctor	9683 9613
Sutherland	30 August	Lisa Newham	9531 3953
Ballina	31 August	Margaret Wilsmore	6672 9314
Taree	2 September	Meaghan Biron	6586 6926
Bankstown	6 September	Belinda Duke	9793 4916
Penrith	6 September	Lyndal Fitzgibbon	4724 8735
Dubbo	7 September	Greg Cross	6883 6362
Queanbeyan	8 September	Julie Taylor	4472 8094
Newcastle	8 September	Craig Maher	4957 6674
Batemans Bay	9 September	Julie Taylor	4472 8094
Liverpool	9 September	Patti Shanks	4633 2744
Tamworth	10 September	Barry Everingham	6768 5834
Wollongong	10 September	Jackie O'Connell	4296 9155
Port Jackson	14 September	Graeme Marston	9582 5833
Wagga	15 September	PDHPE Consultant	6962 1622
Bathurst	19 October	Julie Dal Santo	6392 0150
Albury	20 October	Kym Willet	6041 1919

Location of half-day workshops	Dates	Contact person	
Campbelltown	1, 16, 20 September	Patti Shanks	4633 2744
Ryde State Office	23 August 18 October 22 November	Janice Atkin	9582 6311



Location of after school workshops	Dates	Contact person	
Northern Beaches District Office	16, 23, 30 August 6, 13 September	Wayne Mills	9941 3024
Lake Macquarie	20, 27 October 4 November	Kelly Hutchings	4348 9118
Central Coast	19, 26, 28 October	Kelly Hutchings	4348 9118

In addition to the above dates, PDHPE consultants may also be supporting the implementation of the new syllabus by running district-based initiatives, such as network meetings focusing on the HSC, special interest groups etc.

CS Life Management Studies Syllabus

Update

The Life Management Studies Stage 6 Draft Syllabus was distributed to schools on March 1, 1999. The closing date for consultation was March 26, 1999. The Board of Studies is currently working through the consultation process, and the proposed changes to the draft syllabus are not yet available.

The Life Management Studies Syllabus will be covered in more detail in the next edition of **CURRICULUM SUPPORT**.

The Board of Studies plans to have the new syllabus package in schools by July 1999. Schools will receive a syllabus package which will include the Life Management Studies Syllabus, a support document, a sample examination paper and marking criteria, and draft performance bands.

Support for implementing Life Management Studies

The following dates and locations are the proposed workshops to support the implementation of the Life Management Studies Syllabus. The program for the workshops for Life Management Studies will be identical. Life Management teachers can choose which workshop they wish to attend. Materials developed for the workshop will be published on the new HSC web site.

Location of one-day workshops	Dates	Contact person	
Dubbo	10 September	Greg Cross	6883 6362
Parramatta	13 September	Kim Proctor	9683 9613
Port Jackson	22 October	Graeme Marston	9582 5833
Albury	25 October	Kym Willett	6041 1919
Coffs Harbour	29 October	Kylie Nicholls	6776 4138



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The new HSC web site

<http://www.newhsc.edu.au>

Helpful hint for PLTs ...

Bookmark this address: Why not build in regular access to this site so your team can keep abreast of the latest information? Maybe your school librarian or Internet contact person can assist.

The new HSC web site supports secondary teachers across NSW in their professional development. It is a "one-stop shop" for the latest information about initiatives, activities and resources for the new HSC. You can also share your issues, questions and ideas on-line with others in the learning community.

Check out the calendar of events

... to look at the timing of the year's major initiatives.

Locate those events which meet your needs and interests. The calendar allows you to pinpoint events and dates quickly.

Register for discussion

... to join in a real on-line community, or just visit the site and observe discussions between teachers.

Express your opinions, converse with others, ask questions.

Visit the newsroom

... to find out the latest on professional development...

Keep up-to-date with the latest news about the new HSC and find out what's happening in schools.

Access hot links to other sites

... to the Board of Studies, the Department of Education and Training, the Catholic Education Commission, the Association of Independent Schools, NSW HSC On-line, and more.

Stay connected with the big picture in secondary education.

Find out about resources

... to help you and your school to implement the new HSC.

Find out about valuable contact people who can help you.

Participate in professional development initiatives

... to support you and your school with specific elements of implementing the new HSC.

Develop your understanding of PLTs and other aspects of the HSC support strategy.

Read Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

... or ask a question of your own.

Discover relevant details about issues great and small.

Provide your feedback

... on the site and related professional issues, using the form provided.

The site is designed for you, so have your say!

