Investigating Science survey statements

Teachers and interested members of the public are invited to complete the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) online survey about the draft syllabuses for Stage 6 English, Mathematics, Science and History. It is available until 31 August 2016.

The purpose of this survey is to obtain feedback about the draft syllabuses. Feedback received from consultations will be used to guide the development of the final syllabus documents.

Please complete this survey online.

Aim and rationale
1. The rationale describes the nature and purpose of the course in the curriculum.
2. The aim provides a succinct statement of the overall purpose of the course.

Objectives
3. The objectives define the intended learning and the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes to be developed through study of the course.

Outcomes
4. The outcomes and content describe what students are expected to achieve in relation to what they know, understand and can do from studying the course.
5. The outcomes provide an appropriate continuum of learning from Stage 5 to Stage 6.

Course Structure
6. The course structure and requirements are clear, manageable and appropriate.
7. The requirements for the programming of a depth study are clear.

School-based assessment
8. The school-based assessment requirements are manageable.
9. The school-based assessment requirements provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate their learning.
10. The requirements for the assessment of a depth study are clear.

HSC assessment
11. Please comment on the HSC examination specifications.

Content
12. The content describes the scope and depth of learning.
13. The course content is appropriate.
Learning across the curriculum
14. The Learning across the curriculum content, including opportunities for students to develop their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, is authentic and appropriate.

Modules
15. The modules provide a clear progression and development of concepts.
16. Sufficient time has been allocated to cover the course outcomes and content for each module.
17. Working Scientifically is appropriately incorporated in the content.
18. There is sufficient scope for a variety of practical experiences.
19. There are sufficient opportunities to apply quantitative and analytical skills in the course.

Diversity of learners
20. The syllabus meets the needs of the diversity of learners.

Life Skills
21. The alignment of the course structure and the Life Skills outcomes and content is appropriate
22. The relationship between the course objectives and the Life Skills outcomes is appropriate.
23. The Life Skills outcomes and content provide scope for developing programs for students with special education needs.
24. The Life Skills outcomes provide the basis for assessing and reporting student achievement.

Glossary and additional terms
25. Provide comments about the glossary and additional terms for consideration.

Additional comments
26. Please provide any additional comments about the Investigating Science course and the related Life Skills outcomes and content.