Mathematics General 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 course structure will promote study of the course most appropriate for students’ abilities and aspirations.

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 recommended weighting of the non-examination school-based assessment task is appropriate.
11. The inclusion of Exploratory opportunities (E) as possibilities for types of school-based assessment is appropriate.

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

Content
13. The content describes the scope and depth of learning.
14. The overlap between the Mathematics General 1 and Mathematics General 2 HSC courses is appropriate.
15. The overlap between the Mathematics General 2 and the Mathematics courses is appropriate.
16. Opportunities for a greater depth of study have been achieved through the reduction of content.

Learning across the curriculum
17. 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.

Strands
18. The integration of the Focus Studies (F) into strands will allow for a greater number of modelling opportunities.
19. The inclusion of additional Modelling opportunities (M) in addition to the Focus Studies (F) is appropriate.
20. The inclusion of Networks into the Mathematics General courses provide an additional real world relevant application of mathematics, and is appropriate.
21. The inclusion of Working Mathematically and the associated skill set is appropriate in the Mathematics General course.

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

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

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

Proposed name changes for Mathematics courses
It is proposed that the Mathematics Stage 6 curriculum be presented in three syllabuses.

Mathematics Standard
This syllabus will include two courses:
- Mathematics Standard 1 – currently Mathematics General 1
- Mathematics Standard 2 – currently Mathematics General 2
Mathematics Advanced
This syllabus will include one course:
• Mathematics Advanced – currently the Mathematics course

Mathematics Extension
This syllabus will include two courses. The names are unchanged:
• Mathematics Extension 1
• Mathematics Extension 2

28. Please comment on the proposed name changes for Mathematics courses.

Additional comments
29. Please provide any additional comments about the Mathematics General courses and the related Life Skills outcomes and content.