

**A PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF NATIONALLY COMPARABLE
SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF
EQUIVALENCES BETWEEN EXISTING STATE
AND TERRITORY TESTS**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Phase One of the project reported in this volume has produced a detailed, workable plan for establishing State/Territory literacy test equivalences to be carried out in Phase Two.

Below is a concise summary of the plan for Phase Two which relates the summarised procedural steps to the supporting methodology and analytic sections of this report.

The entire timing of the plan for Phase Two is controlled by the requirement (page 5 of the Project Brief) to

... allow equivalences to be developed between all State and Territory tests (Phase Two) in calendar year 1997.

The timeline puts considerable pressure on resources, and the assumption of the cooperation of various State and Territory authorities is implicit.

Plan for Phase Two

| Task | Support details this volume | Start by | End by |
|--|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Start of Phase Two | | 14 May | 21 May |
| 2. Project setting-up stage | Section 2.2 | 21 May | 16 June |
| 3. The distribution plan and State/Territory schedules | Sections 2.2, 7, 8, 9 | 16 June | 4 July |
| 4. Test materials and test procedure | Sections 2.2, 8, 10 Appendices III, IV, V | 4 July | 25 July |
| 5. Test dispatch | Sections 6, 8, 9 | 25 July | 1 August |
| 6. Test scoring preparation | Sections 6, 9 | 4 August | 22 September |
| 7. Test administration | Sections 5, 6, 9 | 20 October | 31 October |
| 8. Test return and test scoring | Sections 6, 8, 9 | 4 November | 5 December |
| 9. Data file preparation | Sections 6, 9 | 5 December | 15 December |
| 10. Data analysis | Sections 3, 5, 6 | 15 December | 15 January |
| 11. Final reporting | | 15 January | 3 February |