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Teacher-in-charge of English as an Additional Language and Dialect  
(Through the Principal)

**2008 Term 2 Grading Advice Meetings**  
**English as an Additional Language or Dialect**

### **Purpose**

The principal purpose of these meetings is to develop shared understandings of the EALD Reading and Viewing Grade Descriptors on a state-wide basis through close analysis of the common reading and viewing reading comprehension tasks sent out to all schools in Term 2, 2008.

In addition to providing advice on the use of marking guides to assess student achievement in Reading and viewing in Semester 1, these meetings will develop professional practice in the assessment of the Speaking outcome based on the EALD Grade descriptors.

A brief review of grading validation procedures for all course units in Term 3 will be provided. Brief information on statistical moderation and scaling procedures for 2008 for the common Stage 2 and 3 examination will be given in the Stage 2 and 3 meetings.

*Although attendance at these **half-day** grading advice consensus meetings is not compulsory, teachers are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance is limited to one teacher per school.*

**Grading Advice meetings** focus on school/student work samples and/or school assessment programs and tasks to:

- explore and develop the implementation of good practice in assessment design (choice of materials, development of questions/tasks and marking keys)
- build common understandings that underpin comparability, and
- build networks to encourage best professional practice through sharing of ideas in teaching, learning and assessment

### **Meeting details**

Meeting details are given below. Each school offering **English as an Additional Language or Dialect** which plans to attend should notify the Curriculum Council by **Friday 30 May 2008**, indicating the name of the teacher representing the school and the meeting they are registering for (or choice of alternative arrangements for remote schools). Teachers can register online or by returning the attached fax return sheet.

Alternative arrangements for schools more than 200km from a scheduled meeting are outlined on page 2. The Curriculum Council does not meet the cost of teacher replacement or travel expenses for consensus meetings. This information is also available on the Curriculum Council website, [www.curriculum.wa.edu.au](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au).

**The school's representative is required to bring the following:**

- a photocopy of three marked common reading comprehension tasks, with identifying details removed. The student samples should represent the range of achievement in the course for the class or classes enrolled.
- two recorded speaking samples with some means of accessing these (e.g. a laptop computer with a CD drive, a digital recorder or an audiocassette player)
- course unit outline, assessment outline and marks records to date for the unit taught in Semester 1

Yours sincerely



**STEVE DONATTI  
A/DIRECTOR  
ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION**

19 May 2008

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<b>EALD course units</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Address</b>
1A/BELD	Monday 9 June 2008	9:00 – 12:00	Curriculum Council, Kooraloo Room	27 Walters Drive Osborne Park WA 6017
1C/DELD	Monday 9 June 2008	12:30 -15:30	Curriculum Council Kooraloo Room	27 Walters Drive Osborne Park WA 6017
2A/BELD and 3A/BELD	Friday 13 June 2008	9:00 – 12:00	Curriculum Council Kooraloo Room	27 Walters Drive Osborne Park WA 6017
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**Alternative arrangements for schools more than 200 km from a scheduled meeting.**

Schools that are unable to attend a scheduled meeting should register on the internet or fax return sheet that they require alternative arrangements such as a videoconference or discussion online through Blackboard or email. The curriculum officer will contact those schools with details.

**Contact details**

Curriculum officer: Mary Lynch/Sophia Sabatier Telephone: 9273 6778/9273 6773  
Curriculum Council Fax: 9273 6360  
27 Walters Drive Email: mary.lynch@curriculum.wa.edu.au  
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When attending meetings at the Curriculum Council, please be aware of parking restrictions relating to surrounding buildings.

**Fax return sheet**  
**2008 Term 2 Grading Advice Meetings**  
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**Attention:** Roma Eacott

**Organisation:** Curriculum Council

**Facsimile No:** 9273 6360 or 9273 6717

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Tea and coffee will be provided. Teachers attending two sessions on the one day need to make their own arrangements for lunch.

**Alternative arrangements required**

Please tick preferred option:

Videoconference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion board (in Blackboard)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Registration will only be confirmed if the teacher registers on the Curriculum Council website [www.curriculum.wa.edu.au](http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au).*

*Where there are insufficient registrations for a particular seminar, cancellation may occur. People who have registered for cancelled seminars will be notified.*

**Please return by Friday 30 May 2008**