

How to Gain NESAs Endorsement for iSTEM?



An initiative of Regional Development Australia – Hunter’s ME Program, Maitland Grossmann High School (MGHS) and local industry partners, iSTEM is a Stage 5 (Year 9 & 10) school developed, board endorsed course (SDBEC) which aims to contextualise curriculum content using problem based learning activities. It is unique in the fact that it was developed in consultation with local STEM based industries and integrates the often separately taught components of STEM. The curriculum was first endorsed by the BOSTES in 2014 and now the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Many school’s have indicated their desire to run the course and the following are directions that need to be followed to have your school included in the group endorsement by NESA.

Step 1: Read the iSTEM course document and negotiate with your Principal if you have the resources and structures available for the course to run at your school.

Step 2: Get your Principal to email Dr Scott Slep at the Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence requesting that your school to be added to the list of schools endorsed to run the iSTEM. scott.slep@det.nsw.edu.au

Dr Slep will forward your email to Dr Di Soltau, Principal of Maitland Grossmann High School who will in turn give her permission for your school to be endorsed.

Note: When there are multiple schools asking for endorsement, NESA has requested that we send them as an amalgamated list. This means there is sometimes a slight delay in the endorsement process.

Step 3: NESA will then process the request and send your Principal a notification letter to let you know that iSTEM has been endorsed for your school.

Note: You do not need to request for endorsement each year.

If you have any queries related to the endorsement process, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Slep 0409366504